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First Year.—P. J. Henness, G. W. Pool, J. F. Barnett.

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Third Year.—W. N. Groome, J. W. Fraker, J. W. Lambert.

Fourth Year .- W. R. Stryker, J. F. Robertson, J. A. Boatman.

Deacons' Orders.-D. C. Bevan, J. C. Kendrick, G. W. Barber.

Elders' Orders.—George Filmer, W. B. Marsh, J. R. Payne.

To Preach Missionary Sermon.—W. G. Thorn; alternate, J. E. Newsome. To Give Educational Address.—W. H. Mahaffie.

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Books and Periodicals.—J. Hanks, J. A. Sinclair, W. B. Ireland, C. W. Evans, W. P. Stoddard.

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Observance of Sabbath.—T. E. Corkhill, W. N. Groome, A. W. Haines, C. R. Norton, W. R. Jeffrey.

Periodical Accounts.—W. H. Jones, John Potter, W. E. Patterson, W. M. Erskine, M. J. Pusey.

Post Offices.—E. E. Doud, W. A. Jackson, G. L. Minear, H. T. Robinson, T. B. Owen.

Public Worship .- D. C. Smith, W. F. Mair.

State of the Church.—I. P. Teter, G. M. Tuttle, P. J. Henness, J. W. Lambert, J. C. Kendrick.

State of the Country.—C. L. Tennant, T. S. Pool, U. B. Smith, G. W. Byrkit, W. G. Wilson.

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JOURNAL OF THE CONFERENCE.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIFTY-SECOND SESSION OF THE IOWA
ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST
EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

FIRST DAY.

Opening.—The Fifty-second Session of the Iowa Annual Conference met in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Ottumwa, Sept. 11th, 1895, at 9 o'clock A. M., Bishop R. S. Foster in the chair.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered by the Bishop, assisted by Bishop Taylor and the Presiding Elders.

Roll-Call.—The roll of the Conference was called by the Secretary of the last session and the following members auswered to their names: Frank W. Adams, Richard B. Allender, Morris Bainford, George W. Barber, John F. Barnett, James J. Beckham, David C. Bevan, S. F. Bishop, J. A. Boatman, Isaac Borts, Alexander C. Boyd, Boaz M. Boydston, Richard Breeden, E. C. Brooks, S. C. Bronson, John Burgess, A. E. Buriff, George W. Byrkit, George W. Cannon, John W. Carson, J. C. Caughlan, Richard Collier, C. S. Cooper, T. E. Corkhill, Charles E. Corkhill, J. E. Corley, C. V. Cowan, W. F. Cowles, J. C. W. Coxe, E. S. Daly, John Davis, E. E. Doud, D. S. Dunlavy, W. M. Erskine, Henry C. Ethel, C. W. Evans, W. S. Gardner, W. N. Groome, J. W. Hackley, A. W. Haines, Elias Handy, J. B. Hardy, P. J. Henness, W. H. Heppe, J. B. Hill, A. B. Hightshoe, P. C. Hogle, J. M. Hoober, T. B. Hughes, L. Ingham, W. A. Jackson, W. H. Jones, I. O. Kemble, A. V. Kendrick, J. C. Kendrick, J. W.

Lambert, John W. Lewis, John A. Lee, A. S. Loveall, W. H. Mahaffie, W. B. Marsh, Frank T. Maxwell, J. M. McClelland, Marion A. Meagher, H. C. Millice, W. S. Moore, T. J. Myers, C. R. Norton, T. E. Osborn, R. L. Patterson, W. E. Patterson, J. R. Payne, David Phillips, E. J. Pike, G. W. Pool, Thomas S. Pool, John Potter, John W. Potter, W. N. Potter, C.W. Powelson, Henry F. Pugh, Morris J. Pusey, J. F. Robertson, Anthony Robinson, I. B. Schreckengast, E. L. Schreiner, Michael See, B. F. Shane, C. W. Shepherd, J. T. Simons, J. A. Sinclair, A. M. Smith, D. C. Smith, U. S. Smith, C. L. Stafford, W. P. Stoddard, W. R. Stryker, G. B. Swartz, C. L. Tennant, I. P. Teter, Sam'l Thero, W. G. Thorn, A. E. Thornley, G. M. Tuttle, R. Weese, J. E. Wilkins, C. F. Williams, J. C. Willits, C. W. Wilson, W. E. Wilson, W. G. Wilson, C. R. Zimmerman—111.

The following probationers answered to their names: Wade C. Barclay, Charles Coggeshall, F. C. Demorest, W. H. Dillon, W. F. Gilmore, Hiram F. Gilbert, Hardy A. Ingham, Wm. B. Ireland, W. R. Jeffrey, G. L. Minear, Thos. B. Owen, W. H. Perdew, John W. Pool, Hiram T. Robinson, E. J. Shook, James E. Vanwinkle—16.

Secretaries and Treasurer.—C. L. Stafford was re-elected Secretary, J. C. W. Coxe and J. C. Willits, Assistants. F. W. Adams was re-elected Statistical Secretary, and C. V. Cowan, Assistant. C. W. Shepherd was re-elected Conference Treasurer. J. C. Caughlan was elected R. R. Secretary, J. W. Lewis Conference Postmaster, and B. M. Boydston Personal Statistical Secretary.

Standing Committees.—The Standing Committees nominated in 1894 were confirmed.

Auditing.—S. F. Bishop, R. Weese, A. M. Smith, W. S. Kight, J. C. Kendrick.

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Books and Periodicals.—H. C. Millice, J. R. Payne, John Potter, H. T. Robinson, Samuel Thero.

Church Extension.—R. L. Patterson, John Bridges, T. S. Pool, U. S. Smith, F. T. Maxwell.

Conference Relation.—G. B. Swartz, B. F. Shane, J. W. Lewis, J. W. Lambert, W. R. Stryker.

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Fost-Offices.—A. M. Mahaffie, J. W. Carson, J. M. McClelland, J. J. Beckham, H. B. Scoles.

Public Worship.—Presiding Elder and the Pastors of Ottumwa.

State of the Church.—W. G. Wilson, J. W. Fraker; W. G. Thorn, J. W. Hackley, W. H. Mahaffie.

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Woman's Home Missionary Society.—W. N. Groome, D. C. Bevan, C. W. Wilson, T. E. Corkhill, R. Breeden.

District Conference Records.—W. B. Marsh, J. A. Sinclair, J. B. Hill, G. W. Byrkit, P. C. Hogle.

Bar of Conference.—The bar of the Conference was fixed at the front of the middle window.

Times of Sessions.—The time of meeting was fixed at 8:30 and of adjournment at 11:45 A. M., the first half hour to be devoted to devotional services.

New York Book Accounts.—W. E. Patterson was elected collector of New York Book Concern Accounts.

Stewards.—A. V. Kendrick, J. C. Kendrick, U. B. Smith, E. L. Schreiner, G. M. Tuttle, J. F. Robertson and M. Bamford were elected the Board of Conference Stewards.

Address.—Bishop Foster briefly addressed the Conference, urging attentiveness to duty, brotherliness and spirituality during the session.

('ommittee on Memoirs.—J. C. W. Coxe, T. E. Corkhill and W. F. Cowles were elected Committee on Memoirs.

Reports.—The Statistical Secretary and Treasurer were requested to be in attendance at 2 o'clock to receive reports.

American University.—The Rev. S. L. Beiler, D. D., Vice-Chancellor of the American University, was introduced and addressed the Conference upon the interests under his care.

Introduced.—N. E. Crow, representing the Western Book Concern, was introduced. Rev. W. H. W. Rees, D. D., Recording Secretary of the Freedmen's Aid Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Assistants.—The Conference Treasurer nominated as his assistants, A. W. Haines, H. F. Pugh, S. F. Bishop and C. W. Wilson, and the nominations were confirmed.

Supernumeraries.—The Twenty-second Question was taken up and W. J. Spaulding, J. T. Simmons, F. W. Evans, B. Mark, A. Latimer, T. E. Corkhill, F. R. Holcomb, J. S. Ferguson, I. N. Busby, were continued in the same relation.

Superannuated.—The Twenty-third Question was taken up and H. Runyon, James Haynes, E. W. Twining, A. W. Stryker, John Burgess, J. G. Thompson, J. B. Hardy, A. Robinson, J. T. Coleman, E. H. Waring, J. Craig, M. See, S. H. Thomas, O. P. Light, W. F. Cowles, R. B. Allender, W. Posten, were continued in the same relation.

Case of I. A. Bradrick.—The case of I. A. Bradrick was re-committed to the Presiding Elder of the Keokuk District for investigation.

Twenty-Second Question.—The Twenty-second Question was resumed and after a report by a committee in the case of W. C. Shippen, he was continued in the Supernumerary relation.

Adjournment.—Notices were given, and on motion, the Conference adjourned with the Benediction by Bishop Taylor.

SECOND DAY.

OTTUMWA, IOWA, September 12, 1895.

Devotional Services.—Devotional services were conducted by T. E. Corkhill. At 9 A. M., Bishop Foster took the chair. The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Subscriptions.—Thos. Osborn was appointed to solicit subscriptions for the *Methodist Review* and the *Gospel in All Lands*.

Interdenominational Co-operation.—D. C. Smith presented a paper on Interdenominational Co-operation in Christian Work, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Church.

Delinquents.—The Statistical Secretary reported delinquencies.

Character Passed.—The Thirteenth Question was taken up, and the character of J. E. Corley, Presiding Elder of the Burlington District, was passed and he reported his work.

Report Secretary of Trustees.—He also presented his report as Secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Iowa Wesleyan University, and the report was referred to the Committee on Education.

Reports Ordered.—It was ordered that pastors should report their collections for Missions and Conference claimants, and whether all claims were presented.

Thirteenth Question.—The following Elders were represented, passed and reported their collections, viz: J. M. Coates, S. C. Bronson, G. B. Swartz, J. W. Potter, P. C. Hogle,

M. J. Pusey, T. F. Barker, George Filmer, A. E. Buriff, E. S. Daly, A. S. Loveall, P. J. Henness, W. P. Stoddard, C. W. Powelson, J. G. Barton, W. C. Chew, S. F. Bishop, T. S. Pool, G. F. Cannom, G. W. Younkin, W. N. Hall. C. L. Stafford, F. W. Adams, W. H. Mahaffie, C. F. Williams, not in pastoral charges, were represented and passed. T. J. Myers, Presiding Elder of Keokuk District, was passed and reported his work.

Introduced.—W. A. Spencer, D. D., Corresponding Secretary Church Extension Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference. Emory Miller, D. D., Presiding Elder of the Des Moines District, and Rev. Thomas Craven, D. D., returned Missionary from India, were introduced.

Thirteenth Question.—The following Elders of the Keokuk District were represented, passed and reported their collections, viz: J. B. Hill, R. Weese, J. W. Fraker, J. A. Boatman, C. V. Cowan, B. F. Shane, G. W. Barber, E. L. Schreiner, G. W. Pool, A. V. Kendrick, G. M. Tuttle, C. L. Tennant, R. Breeden, B. M. Boydston, C. E. Corkhill, C. W. Evans, F. H. Pickworth, J. W. Carson.

Presentation.—I. O. Kemble, Presiding Elder of Muscatine District, was passed and reported his work. Bishop Foster, in a brief felicitous address, presented Brother Kemble with an elegant Bible in the name of the preachers of the District.

Order of Day.—The election of delegates to the General Conference was made the order for Friday at 11 o'clock.

Thirteenth Question.—The following Elders of the Muscatine District were represented, passed and reported their collections, viz: W. H. Jones, W. C. Vanschoiak, W. N. Groome, W. N. Potter, H. F. Pugh, A. M. Smith, A. B. Hightshoe, J. W. Lewis, J. F. Robertson, L. D. Johnson, H. N. Smith, J. A. Sinclair, W. G. Thorn, John Davis, Thos. Osborn, U. B. Smith, J. F. Barnett.

J. C. W. Coxe, not in charge, was passed.

T. B. Hughes, Presiding Elder of the Oskaloosa District, was passed and reported his work.

The following Elders were represented, passed and reported their collections, viz: H. C. Ethell, R. L. Patterson, Isaac Borts, John Potter, J. W. Hackley, A. W. Haines, R. Collier, C. W. Shepherd, D. C. Bevan, J. W. Lambert, E. C. Brooks, M. Bamford, W. S. Kight, J. H. Armacost, W. B. Marsh, J. J. Beckham, E. E. Doud, D. S. Dunlavy, D. Phillips.

Greetings to Lay Conference.—W. F. Cowles was elected to bear greetings of the Conference to the Lay Electoral Conference.

Thirteenth Question.—D. C. Smith, Presiding Elder of the Ottumwa District, was represented and reported his work.

The following effective Elders were represented, passed and reported their collections, viz: W. R. Stryker, H. C. Millice, W. E. Patterson, W. S. Moore, J. C. Caughlan, W. S. Gardner, C. R. Norton, C. S. Cooper, W. F. Mair, A. C. Boyd, L. Ingham, W. G. Wilson, J. C. Kendrick, I. P. Teter, John Bridges, G. W. Byrkit, E. J. Pike.

H. S. Hilton, and Warren A. Phelps, not in charge, were represented and passed.

Case of C. W. Wilson.—Papers in the case of C. W. Wilson were referred to W. F. Mair, E. L. Schreiner, and J. W. Lambert for consideration, and they to report to the Conference as to whether sufficient cause for charges exists.

Thirteenth Question.—W. E. Wilson, Presiding Elder of Iowa District, was represented, passed and reported his work, and the following Elders were represented, passed and reported their collections, viz: John A. Lee, S. D. Brown.

Papers Referred.—Various papers were presented and referred to proper committees.

Drafts Ordered.—Drafts on the Book Concern and Chartered Fund were ordered.

Referred to Stewards.—The case of Mrs. R. G. Wilson was referred to the Board of Stewards for favorable consideration.

Missions.—Thos. Craven, returned Missionary, addressed 'the Conference.

Roll of Absentees Called.—The Roll of Absentees was called and the following brethren responded to their names: J. H. Armacost, M. Bamford, J. Bridges, W. C. Chew, T. E. Corkhill, F. W. Evans, Geo. Filmer, J. W. Fraker, W. S. Kight, W. F. Mair, H. N. Smith, U. B. Smith, W. C. Vanschoiack, J. C. Willits.

Roll-Call Dispensed With.—The further roll-call was dispensed with.

Adjourned.—The roll of committees was called, notices given, and the Conference adjourned with the Benediction by T. Craven.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, September 13, 1895.

Devotional Services.—The devotional services were conducted by E. C. Brooks. At 9 A. M., Bishop Foster took the chair. The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Case of C. W. Wilson.—The committee in the case of C. W. Wilson presented their report as follows: "Your committee to whom was referred certain papers in the case of Rev. C. W. Wilson, have carefully examined them and find no cause for formal charges and recommend that his character pass," which, on motion of J. C. W. Coxe, was adopted, and the character of Bro. Wilson was passed.

Introduced.—The following visiting brethren were introduced: R. Swearingen, D. D., Upper Iowa Conference; A. W. Armstrong, A. H. Collins, A. Thornbrue, Des Moines Conference; S. S. Martin, South Kansas Conference; C. H. Montgomery, Southwest Kansas Conference; H. W. Conry, D. D., Missouri Conference; L. O. Housel, Northwest Kansas Conference; J. W. Bush, pastor Baptist Church, this city, and J. R. Beard, pastor Second Congregational Church, of this city.

The Statistical Secretary reported a list of delinquents.

Report of Publishing Agent.—C. W. Shepherd presented his report as Publishing Agent, which was referred to the Auditing Committee.

Papers Referred.—Papers upon the support of Superannuates were referred to the Board of Stewards.

Seventh Question. Class Addressed.—The Seventh Question was taken up and William R. Jeffrey, Hiram F. Gilbert, Edward L. Shook and William B. Ireland were called forward, and after an earnest address by the Bishop upon the scope and dignity of the ministerial office, urging that a preacher should be a manly man, a studious man, and be diligent in pastoral service, were asked the usual disciplinary questions, were favorably reported in their studies, were admitted to full connection, and, all save H. F. Gilbert, (previously ordained), elected to Deacons' orders. W. B. Ireland was conditioned on Christian Archæology.

Wm. L. Clapp was favorably reported in his studies, admitted to full connection and elected to Deacons' orders, subject to his answering the Disciplinary questions in open Conference.

Introduced.—Dr. Lewis Curts was introduced and addressed the Conference concerning our publishing interests.

C. E. Coggeshall was passed on all the studies of the second year except Atonement, Rhetoric, and Logic, and was continued in the class of the second year.

Transfers Announced.—The transfers of S. P. Craver from the Mexico Conference and J. E. Newsome of North India Conference were announced.

Readmitted.—A. W. White, having a certificate of location from the Lexington Conference, was readmitted.

Election of Delegates.—The order of the day was taken up and P. J. Henness, G. M. Tuttle, J. W. Lewis, E. C. Brooks, J. C. Kendrick and John Lee were appointed as tellers.

A motion to suspend the order of the day was laid on the table.

Method of Voting.—The time of the session was extended, and it was ordered that the election of delegates be by ballot; that a majority of votes should be required to elect; that in the event of more than four brethren receiving a majority the four highest should be declared elected; and in case of a tie in the event of more than four receiving a majority a new ballot shall be taken to decide the choice between the two.

Vote Taken.—The ballot was taken and the tellers retired. J. C. Willits, Assistant Secretary, accompanying them.

Introduced.—The Rev. W. R. S. Burnette, Upper Iowa Conference, Supt. Children's Home Society for Iowa, was introduced and addressed the Conference.

Publishing Agent Instructed.—J. C. W. Coxe offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Publishing Agent be authorized to publish 2,500 copies of the Journal of this session, and he is hereby directed to distribute them as heretofore to the pastors, with authority to draw on all the delinquents after forty days from receipt of the same. The draft to include ten cents per copy with cost of delivery added.

Tenth Question.—The Tenth Question was taken up and C. R. Zimmerman, M. A. Meagher, William M. Erskine, William H. Heppe, J. C. Willits, Elias Handy and A. E. Thornley were elected to Elders' orders.

J. R. Payne and I. B. Schreckengast were continued in the studies of the fourth year.

Thirtieth Question.—The Thirtieth Question was taken up and invitations for the next Conference session were received from Knoxville and Muscatine. Knoxville was elected by a large majority.

C. W. Shepherd was appointed Publishing Agent, on motion of C. L. Stafford.

Memorial.—A memorial from Ottumwa District Conference concerning a change in the Discipline in regard to the solemnization of marriage by unordained ministers was adopted. (See Memorial.)

Elected.—The report on Itinerant's Club was presented, and pending the consideration of the report the report of the tellers was announced. C. L. Stafford, T. J. Myers, and M. Bamford, having received a majority of all the votes cast, were declared elected.

Adjourned.—Notices were given, the Doxology was sung and the Benediction was pronounced by the Bishop.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, September 14, 1895.

Devotional Services.—Devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. E. Newsome. At 9 o'clock, Bishop Foster took the chair. The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

Election of Delegates.—E. H. Waring moved that the Conference proceed to elect one additional delegate to General Conference, which motion prevailed. The ballot was taken and the tellers retired. E. H. Waring presented the following paper:

Resolutions.—Resolved, 1. That the General Conference be requested to attach the Colored work now in the Iowa Conference to the Central Missouri Conference.

- 2. That the Secretary notify the Central Missouri Conference at its next session of this action.
- 3. That the delegates of this Conference present this action to the next General Conference, J. W. Lambert, W. C. Chew, E. H. Waring, E. L. Schreiner, A. W. Haines, Ira O. Kemble, I. P. Teter.

Election Announced.—Pending the consideration of the subject, the tellers returned. No one having received a majority of all the votes cast, a second vote was taken and the tellers retired. Later the tellers reported that I. P. Teter had received a majority of all the votes cast and was declared elected.

Reserve Delegates.—A ballot was taken for two reserve delegates and the tellers retired. F. W. Hinitt, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, and H. D. Crawford,

pastor of the Central U. B. Church of this city, and Wm. Nash, of the N. W. Kansas Conference, were introduced.

Postponed.—After extended discussion of the paper offered by E. H. Waring, T. B. Hughes moved that the further consideration of the question be postponed until Monday morning, immediately after the reading of the minutes. Adopted.

Passed to Stewards.—Drafts on the Book Concern for \$1,287 and Chartered Fund for \$25 were handed to U. B. Smith, Treasurer of the Board of Stewards.

Itinerant's Club. Election Announced.—The report on Itinerant's Club, which was pending at the time of adjournment yesterday, was taken up. Pending the discussion, the tellers returned and reported that J. C. W. Coxe had received a majority of all the votes cast, and he was declared elected first reserve delegate.

Second Reserve.—On motion of E. L. Schreiner, the order of the Conference directing the election by ballot was suspended, and W. G. Wilson was elected second reserve delegate by acclamation.

Further consideration of the pending question was postponed until Monday morning, immediately after the order of the day.

Eleventh Question.—The Eleventh Question was taken up and H. T. Robinson from the Burlington District, and David G. Abbot and G. L. Minear from the Keokuk District, were elected to local Elders' orders. On motion of C. W. Shepherd, the secretaries were authorized to edit the minutes.

Restoration of Parchments Asked.—Wm. E. Wilson presented an application from Quarterly Conference of Oskaloosa and Colon Circuits for the restoration of the parchments of Thos. J. Marshall, which was referred to the Committee on Conference Relations.

Report Committee on Education.—E. C. Brooks presented the report of the Committee on Education. Pending the consideration of the report, subscriptions to the amount of \$470 for the Ladies' Hall were taken. The report was unanimously adopted.

Introduced Dr. Goucher.—L. F. Berry, pastor of the First Congregational Church of this city, was introduced. The time was extended and Dr. Goucher, President of the Woman's College of Baltimore, was introduced and addressed the Conference in the interest of that institution.

Address of Bishop.—Bishop Foster briefly addressed the Conference deprecating the divisions on points of doctrine and the employment of irresponsible helpers, and urging brotherliness of spirit and devotion to God's work with our mind and heart.

Adjourned.—The Conference adjourned by expiration of time, with the Benediction by the Bishop.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Conference met at 1:30 P. M.

Devotional Services.—Devotional services were conducted by W. F. Cowles. The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Resolutions Referred.—A resolution on the use of publications of other houses than our own in our Sunday Schools was referred to the Committee on Sunday School and Tracts.

Epworth League.—The Committee on Epworth League presented its reports, which were adopted.

Papers Referred.—Several papers were referred to the appropriate committee.

Vote on Change of Restrictive Rule.—The Baltimore Conference proposition for a change of the second restrictive rule was submitted and I. P. Teter moved to concur therein. A rising vote was taken, with the following result: Aye, 78; nay, 15.

Motion to Reconsider Lost.—I. P. Teter moved to reconsider the action of last year on the Hamilton amendment, and the vote was lost by a count vote of aye, 48; nay, 49.

A paper on the Wesley Hospital was read and referred to a

special committee, consisting of J. W. Hackley, C. H. Westfall and G. B. Swartz.

Adjourned.—The Conference adjourned by expiration of time.

FIFTH DAY.

Monday, September 16, 1895.

Devotional Services.—Conference met at 9 A. M., the devotional services conducted by B. F. Shane. At 9 A. M., Bishop Foster took the chair. The minutes of the afternoon session of Saturday were read and approved.

Order of Day.—The order of the day, viz: The paper presented by E. H. Waring concerning the Iowa District, was taken up and J. A. Lee offered the following substitute:

To the Bishop and members of the Iowa Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church:

WHEREAS, The last General Conference, for the bettering of the condition of the Colored members of said Church, did organize the States of Iowa, Nebraska, and the west half of Illinois into a district and then attached it to the Iowa Conference, the purpose of said arrangement was not to burden the Iowa Conference, but to give the Colored work a chance to grow into wisdom and strength, therefore,

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that it would be detrimental to this Colored work to force it out of the Iowa, into any other Conference; and whereas, some of the members of this Conference think it best for us to be detached from the Iowa Conference, and attached to some of our Colored Conferences; and whereas, if such an arrangement was made, it would cost the preachers more money to get to and from the sessions of the Central Missouri Conference, than the amount of Missionary money they would get by such an arrangement, therefore,

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that it would be far better for the Colored work that no such thing be attempted.

Resolved, Therefore, that we appeal through our delegates just elected to the General Conference, to ask the passage of an enabling Act at its coming session, that at any time during the next four years that when the Iowa district shall have twenty effective members it may be organized into an Annual Conference, if the Colored brethren shall ask, and the Bishop presiding shall concur; thereby relieving the Iowa Conference of any burden, and bettering the chances and condition of the Colored work for better usefulness.

WM. E. WILSON,

A. M. SOMERVILLE, J. A. LEE. I. P. Teter moved to adopt the substitute, and on motion of A. S. Loveall, the whole subject was laid on the table.

Report on Itinerant Club.—The report on Itinerant Club was taken up and discussed. The call of C. L. Stafford for previous question was sustained and the first clause was adopted by a count vote of 54 aye, 50 nay. The second clause was lost by a large vote.

Examining Committees.—A. E. Buriff moved as follows: That the Examining Committees shall not be required to conduct examinations outside the club, except the Committee on Trial, save in case of those who are unavoidably detained from the meeting of the club, which was adopted.

To Report Plan.—W. G. Wilson offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Board of Examiners are hereby instructed to report a plan for an Itinerants' Club to the next Annual Conference.

Time of Session.—A. S. Loveall offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the regular session of the Itinerants' Club be held not earlier than July 15th, nor later than August 15th.

Education.—The Committee on Education submitted a supplementary report, which was adopted. (See Report No. 2.)

Temperance.—The Committee on Temperance submitted their report. (See Report). A. E. Buriff moved to amend by inserting the following words: "Nor who refuse to put themselves squarely on record against the legalized saloon and the reopening of the breweries and distilleries in Iowa." After extended discussion, G. W. Pool moved the previous question and the motion was sustained. The amendment was adopted by a count vote of 83 for and 19 against. The report was then adopted.

Re-submission.—I. P. Teter offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we are heartily in favor of re-submission of the Prohibitory Constitutional Amendment as proposed by the last Legislature.

Signing Petitions.—E. H. Waring presented the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we call special attention of our members to the Disciplinary requirement that our members refrain from signing petitions for the licensing of the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, or in any way contributing by voice, vote or influence to the perpetuation and protection of the traffic.

Afternoon Session.—J. C. Willits moved that when we adjourn it be to meet at 1:30 P. M., which motion prevailed.

Treasurer's Report.—The Conference Treasurer presented his report, which was approved, and the Treasurer was authorized to pay over the money in his hands to the parties authorized to receipt therefor.

Apportionment.—The apportionment to the Conference for Episcopal support was announced as \$1,361, which was referred to the Presiding Elders for apportionment to the Districts.

Secretary Instructed.—I. P. Teter offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Conference send a certified copy of this resolution passed in favor of Re-submission of the Prohibitory Amendment to the Secretary of the Senate and House of Representatives.

Missionary Treasurer.—C. W. Shepherd presented his report as Conference Missionary Treasurer, which was approved.

Report of Visitors to I. W. U.—The report of the Visitors to the Iowa Wesleyan University was presented and adopted.

Memoirs.—The Committee on Memoirs reported and their report was adopted. The Committee was authorized to publish in the Conference Minutes a memoir of Dr. C. S. H. Dunn, who died in 1894.

Smaller Hymnal.—W. C. Chew presented a memorial to the Western Book Agents asking for the publication of a smaller Hymnal, which after amendment, making it also a memorial to the General Conference, was adopted.

Ordination Papers Filed.—T. J. Myers presented the ordination papers of F. H. Pickworth, with the request that he be permitted to withdraw from the ministry and membership of our Church, which request was granted and the parchments were filed by the Secretary of the Conference.

On motion, the Conference adjourned with the Benediction by the Bishop.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Devotions.—Devotional services were conducted by J. W. Lambert. Bishop Foster took the chair and the minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

Fifth Question.—The Fifth Question was taken up and George L. Minear, William H. Perdew, Albert M. Mahaffie, Hiram T. Robinson, John W. Pool, Thomas B. Owen, H. A. Ingham, Harry B. Scoles, William F. Gilmore, William H. Dillon and J. E. Van Winkle were advanced to the class of the second year. Peter D. Davisson, F. C. Demorest, George Schlenker, Henry Squires, A. M. Sommerville and Wade C. Barclay were continued on trial in the first year. William A. Clark was discontinued.

To Report to Registrar.—The Examining Committees were instructed to report the names of the members of the various classes, with the grades attained by them in their examination, to the Registrar. J. W. Potter was re-elected Registrar.

Ninth Question.—The Ninth Question was taken up, and Ulysses S. Smith, Samuel Thero, J. W. McClelland, W. A. Jackson, John E. Wilkins, F. T. Maxwell and C. H. Westfall were advanced to the class of the fourth year. William A. Longnecker was passed on the studies of the third year. John Hanks, J. M. Hoober, J. R. Payne, and I. B. Schreckengast were continued in the studies of the Fourth Year. William H. Gifford was granted a location at his own request.

Not Restored.—The Committee on Conference Relations reported adversely on the application for the restoration of the credentials of T. J. Marshall, and their report was adopted.

Supernumerary Relations.—H. C. Ethell and John Davis were granted Supernumerary relations at their own requests.

Superannuated Relation.—J. B. Hill was granted a Superannuated relation at his own request.

Superintendent Children's Home Society.—On motion of J. E. Corley, the Conference requested the appointment of C. F. Williams as District Superintendent of Children's Home Society.

Referred to Presiding Elder.—The case of G. W. Younkin was referred to his Presiding Elder for investigation and report at next Conference.

Board of Stewards' Report.—The Board of Stewards presented their report, which was adopted, and they distributed the money in their hands according to Stewards' Report No. 1. They offered a supplementary report No. 2, which was adopted, and E. L. Schreiner, G. M. Tuttle and U. B. Smith were appointed the committee called for therein. (See Report No. 2.)

Donation to Publishing Agent.—On motion of C. W. Powelson, it was ordered that the balance in the hands of the Publishing Agent be donated to him as a compensation for his services.

Holiness Associations.—The following resolution, offered by W. H. Jones, was adopted:

WHEREAS, Our Church has, from its organization, taught the doctrine of Christian Holiness, and its ministers have ever tried to lead our people up to the highest attainments in grace, and,

WHEREAS, There have sprung up Holiness Associations which propose to teach our people Holiness, and in those associations, and by the Evangelists standing high in them, is often manifested a spirit contrary to our teachings on this subject; therefore,

Resolved, That we request our Ministers and people to withdraw all support from these Associations, and unite in making our Church the great exponent of this Bible truth.

(Signed.) W. H. JONES,
J. M. McClelland,
W. B. Ireland,
A. M. Smith.

Appointed to the Chair.—The Bishop retired with the Presiding Elders, and I. P. Teter, by appointment, took the chair.

Nominations.—Nominations for officers of the Educational Society were reported and approved. (See Officers.)

Appointed Agent.—E. H. Waring moved the adoption of the following, in which the Conference concurred:

Resolved, That the Bishop be and hereby is requested to appoint C. W. Shepherd as special agent of the Permanent Fund for the claimants of the Conference.

Report Adopted.—The Committee on the State of the Church reported and their report was adopted. (See Report.)

Appointed.—J. C. W. Coxe was appointed to represent the Conference on the Interdenominational Commission, as called for by the concluding section of the above report.

Reports Adopted.—Reports on Tobacco, W. F. M. Society, Sabbath Observance, Deaconesses, District Conference Records, Sabbath Schools, Books and Periodicals were presented and adopted.

Episcopal Fund.—The report of Committee on Episcopal Fund was referred back to committee, with instructions to report the names of delinquents.

Equal Representation.—W. G. Wilson offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the laity should have equal representation with the ministry in the General Conference, with the provision for a separate vote retained, and that the delegates of this Conference to the General Conference are hereby instructed to use their influence to bring about this result.

A motion to lay the resolution on the table was lost by a vote of 19 yeas and 25 nays. The motion to adopt was lost by a vote of 26 yeas and 27 nays.

Temperance Sabbath.—The following communication, from the National Woman's Christian Union, was adopted and the delegates to the General Conference were instructed to favor action in accordance therewith in that body:

WHEREAS, The Hon. Secretary, Charles Waters, of London Sabbath School Union, has presented a plan for the co-operation of all Christians in temperance work, by the universal observance of the Fourth Sabbath of November in each year as Temperance Sabbath; and,

WHEREAS, This plan is heartily endorsed by the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and many prominent Christian workers, and commends itself to every lover of Gospel Temperance; therefore,

Resolved, That we hereby endorse the above plan and pledge ourselves to seek its adoption.

Auditing Committee.—The report of the Auditing Committee was adopted.

Report Referred.—The Committee on State of Country reported and the report was referred back to committee.

Apportionment.—The apportionment of \$2,500 to the Conference for the Freedmen's Aid Society was referred to the Presiding Elders for apportionment among the Districts.

Adjourned.—On motion, the Conference adjourned to meet at 7:30 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

Devotional.—Conference convened at 7:30 P. M., with I. P. Teter in the chair. Devotional services were conducted by E. H. Waring, who read the 35th Chapter of Isaiah, and after the singing of the 1st hymn, led in prayer. The 797th hymn was then sung and J. B. Hardy and John Burgess led in prayer. The minutes of the afternoon session were read, corrected and approved.

Collection Taken.—A collection to defray the expenses of the Secretaries was taken, amounting to \$9.16, with a later collection for the same purpose amounting to \$4.16 additional.

Episcopal Fund.—The report of the Committee on Episcopal Fund was presented and adopted.

Agent Permanent Fund.—The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That we will welcome the Special Agent of the Permanent Fund of the Conference to our charges and aid him in all suitable ways in his work.

E. L. SCHREINER,

J. F. ROBERTSON, E. C. BROOKS, M. J. PUSEY.

Communication and Committee.—The following communication was read by the Secretary, and C. L. Stafford, J. C.

W. Coxe and Chris. Haw were appointed the committee called for.

GALVA, IOWA, Sept. 13, 1895.

Secretary Iowa Conference, Ottumwa, Iowa.

DEAR SIR:—I trust you will call the attention of your Conference to the importance of appointing a committee of two ministers and one layman to meet with a similar committee from each of the other Conferences in Iowa, to formulate articles of incorporation for a Mutual Insurance of Church property and personal property of ministers in Iowa.

Very respectfully,

E. M. GLASGOW,

Galva, Iowa.

Adopted.—The report of Committee on State of the Country was presented and adopted. (See Report, page 250.)

University Day.—The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Second Sabbath of November, or as nearly that date as possible, shall be observed as University Day throughout the Conference, at which the annual educational collection for the Iowa Wesleyan University shall be taken, and a special effort shall be made in each charge to raise the full amount apportioned to the charge.

JOHN C. WILLITS, J. C. W. COXE.

Post-Offices.—The Committee on Post-offices were instructed to proceed immediately to complete their report.

Thanks.—Resolution of thanks to the pastors and the citizens of Ottumwa, to the railroads, to the Presiding Bishop and the Y. M. C. A. were offered by J. A. Boatman and W. G. Thorn, and unanimously adopted.

Statistical Secretary.—The Statistical Secretary presented his report, which was adopted.

Omitted.—C. W. Shepherd moved that Table No. 2 be omitted from the published minutes, which motion prevailed.

Thanks.—A resolution of thanks to the press of the city was adopted by a rising vote. The thanks of the Conference was tendered to the Secretaries and Treasurer for their efficient labors.

List of Nominations, 1896.—The Presiding Elders were requested to submit a list of nominations for the Standing Committees for 1896.

Nominations.—The Examining Committee for Admission on Trial and the Triers of Appeals were nominated and elected.

Post-Offices.—The report of Committee on Post-offices was presented and adopted.

Freedmen's Aid.—The report of Committee on Freedmen's Aid was presented and adopted.

Supernumerary.—On motion of T. B. Hughes, a Supernumerary relation was granted to J. H. Armacost, at his own request.

Fourth Question.—The Fourth Question was taken up, and William L. Fry, from Ottumwa District, William F. Hughes and H. E. Colby, from Oskaloosa District, and David G. Abbott, Paul H. McBeth, William S. Shearer, from the Keokuk District, were admitted on trial.

Report Referred.—The report on Post-offices was referred to J. C. Willits, for revisal, and the pastors were instructed to report the Post-offices on their charges to him within twenty days.

Committee on Railroads.—W. F. Mair and S. L. Collins were appointed a Committee on Railroads for the next Conference.

Railroad Secretary.—J. C. Caughlan was elected Railroad Secretary for the next year.

Certificates of Ordination.—This certifies that at Ottumwa, Iowa, on Sabbath, September 15th, 1895, the following persons were ordained Deacons by the undersigned: William R. Jeffreys, Jr., Edward J. Shook, William B. Ireland, Hiram T. Robinson, David G. Abbott, George L. Minear. And the following persons were ordained Elders at the same time and place, by me, assisted by the several Elders, viz.: C. R. Zimmerman, M. A. Meagher, William M. Erskine, William H. Heppe, John C. Willits, Elias Handy, Arthur E. Thornley.

R. S. Foster.

Appointed Professor.—The Conference requested the ap-

pointment of F. C. Demorest as Professor in the Iowa Wesleyan University.

Transfer Announced.—The transfer of C. H. Montgomery, from the Southwest Kansas Conference, was announced by the Bishop.

Motion to Adjourn.—J. E. Corley moved, and the motion prevailed, that after the reading of the minutes and the announcement of the appointments, the Conference stand adjourned *sine die*.

Appointments Read.—The Bishop briefly addressed the brethren, the appointments were read by J. E. Corley, and the session of 1895 became history.

R. S. FOSTER, President.

C. L. STAFFORD, Secretary.

REPORTS OF PRESIDING ELDERS.

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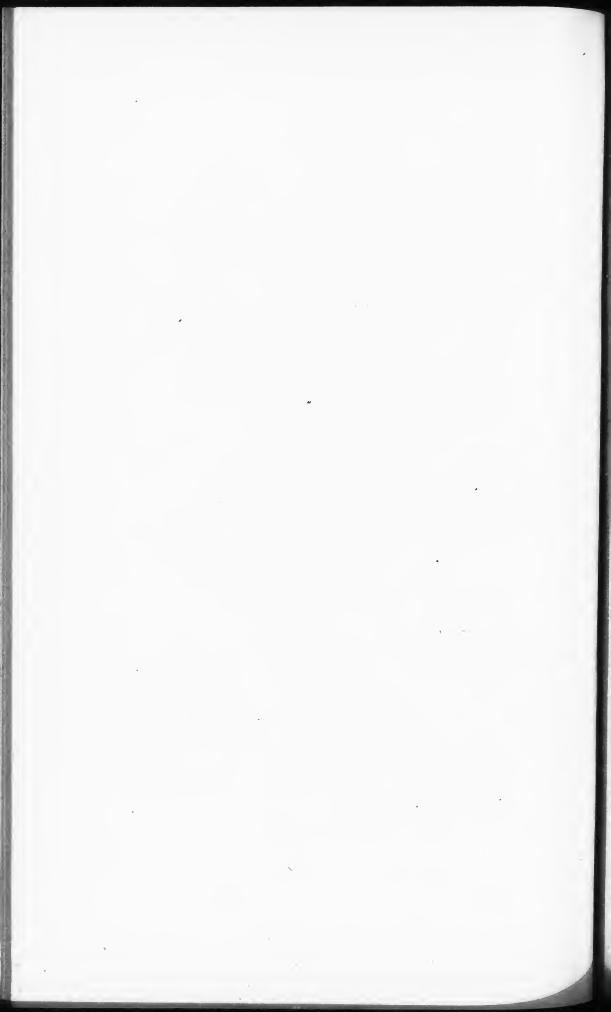
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New churches have been dedicated as follows: At Mt. Union, W. C. Chew, Pastor; the church is a very convenient one and is worth \$2,500. At Cottonwood, on the Salem Charge, T. S. Pool, Pastor; this is a beautiful little church, worth \$1,500, in a new community, and has already been honored of God, as has also the Mt. Union Church, by a most gracious revival and the organization of a large and vigorous society. At Marsh, on the Morning Sun Charge, there was dedicated, in the early summer, probably the most beautiful country church in the Iowa Conference; its value is \$2,500; the pastor, P. J. Henness, has organized a strong class and Epworth League there under very promising auguries.

Trinity Church, on the Mt. Union Charge, under the leadership of Brother Chew, has been rebuilt at a cost of about \$800, and is practically a new church. Also the Asbury Church, on the Burlington Circuit, through the untiring efforts of the pastor, P. C. Hogle, has been rebuilt at a cost of \$1,000, and is now a beautiful new sanctuary.

Two District Conferences and one District League Convention have been held, which were seasons of intellectual stimulus and spiritual refreshing and inspiration. One or more Leagues have been organized in nearly every pastoral charge, and a Sabbath School in nearly every preaching place in the district—indeed I know of no exception in respect to the latter—which afford all classes, especially the young people, opportunities to help and be helped.

Our Church literature is generally used in our Sabbath Schools, though a few think they get better service at smaller cost from other publications. The pastors have pushed the subscriptions for the *Advocates* with gratifying results; judging from the reports of pastors at the District Conference, there must be quite an increase in the circulation thereof.

The benevolences have been carefully looked after by personal counsel, by correspondence, and urged in our pulpit ministrations. "Children's Day," "Good Tidings Day," and

"Easter Sunday" are generally observed, and each yields goodly sums for its respective cause. I will have to await the reports of pastors, of course, for the amount, but, unless all ante-Conference forecasts are misleading, there will be a handsome advance on benevolences over last year.

At the 'proper time I notified all the pastors of the order of the General Conference to hold an election on the "Hamilton Amendment." The result was as follows: Out of 26 pastoral charges, only 8 held the election and reported to me, and in these, out of a total membership of nearly 5,000, only 181 votes were cast. Of these, 21 were for the Amendment and 160 against it.

The religious condition of the churches in the District I count good. Excellent revivals have been held during the year, and it has been again demonstrated that Jesus yet has power to save. I will not attempt to locate and enumerate the revivals held. Nearly every charge was graciously visited, and about 1,300 souls professed conversion at our various altars. To God be all the glory!

KEOKUK DISTRICT.

T. J. MYERS, P. E.

I rejoice to record another year of health and uninterrupted service in the work of the Church. The health of the pastors of the district for the most part has been good, as also that of their families. Only two of our brethren had interruption to their work by reason of impaired health: Brother Jeffery in the midst of the revival campaign was laid aside and was unable to be in his pulpit or do pastoral work for some two months. Brother Fraker, about three months ago, went down under nervous prostration, and in obedience to his physician has desisted from all mental and ministerial work until within the past two weeks. Two worthy and aged local preachers have died this year: Brother J. Hunt, of the Troy Circuit, and William Clarridge,

of Libertyville. These faithful men of God departed this life in great peace.

SUPPLIES.—The charges, save two, were all filled by members of the Conference. Brother Springer, a Supernumerary member of the Central Illinois Conference, was appointed to Libertyville, and P. A. McBeth was appointed Junior preacher with Brother Handy on the Mystic and Jerome Circuit. These brethren, with all the pastors of the District, have been faithful and zealous servants of the Church.

RELIGIOUS LIFE.—The religious life of the churches has not declined, a spirit of revival being manifested in most of the churches. There were about 1,400 conversions, most of whom united with the Church, resulting in an increase to the full membership of the District of 1,032.

IMPROVEMENTS.—The partial failure of crops and the seeming scarcity of money at the beginning of the Conference year made it unfavorable for the undertaking of new enterprises. We have therefore little to report in the way of church and parsonage improvements. All the charges except four have parsonages. Out of the eighty congregations on the Keokuk District, all have church buildings save three. A. V. Kendrick, of Chatham-Keokuk, has paid \$700 on their organ debt, and did some other needed repairing on both church and parsonage. First Church, Keokuk, G. M. Tuttle, Pastor, has paid off the indebtedness on its parsonage and also reduced the debt on the church. E. L. Schreiner, of Fairfield, obtained a most desirable property for a parsonage at the cost of a thousand dollars; they will soon build a modern home for the pastor.

NEW WORK.—One new appointment has been taken this year, and a class of 30 members organized by Brother Thero, of Drakesville.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.—The organization of the Epworth League has been a great help already to many of the churches, and the prospect is that it will prove of lasting benefit. In many places the impulse of the movement has been felt most decidedly, not only among the young people,

but in every department of the Church. The annual session of the District League was held in Keosauqua and was a convention of marked interest and profit.

CLASS MEETINGS.—Class-meetings, I believe, have not declined, but in many churches have improved, and yet they are far from being what they ought to be. In many places this means of grace is crowded out for want of proper time and place because of so many other services.

CHILDREN'S DAY.—Children's Day is becoming more and more the great day of the Sunday Schools. The excellent programs of this year, issued by the Board of Education, were used in all these services, and were appreciated as affording information and entertainment. Our aim has been to hold all our schools to the prime object for which this day has been given.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—The Sunday Schools are nearly all missionary schools, well supplied with our own excellent literature, and are doing very faithful work.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE.—The fall and spring sessions of the District Conference were held, and each was a session of spiritual blessing to the preachers and of helpfulness to the church where convened. The territorial boundary of Keokuk District is such as to make it inconvenient for District Conferences and other gatherings that would strengthen the connectional bond by district influence. We have failed for this and other reasons to secure at our District Conference a very large attendance of our lay brethren.

RESTRICTIVE RULE.—The proposition for the change of the Restrictive Rule, sent down to the churches by the General Conference, was duly presented to the membership, but only a small vote was recorded, resulting as follows:

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Against			•		•	٠	•			•	•	•	٠	514
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MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.—The claims for ministerial support were fixed in the aggregate at about \$1,200 in advance

of last year. I think we shall have some little advance in receipts, but some of the pastors will be seriously embarrassed because of the deficiencies. It is most difficult to get our official boards to adopt some financial system and then work it faithfully. The one great need in all our charges is efficient stewards and a strict adherence to the Disciplinary plan for raising pastors' salaries. I am persuaded that there is none that so fully meets every case, whether of the country or city, as the Disciplinary plan.

BENEVOLENCES.—In the benevolences of the District we stand about as last year. From the beginning it was quite apparent we should do exceedingly well if we had no decrease in the Missionary collection. We had hoped that as a district we should come up to the million and a half line. All the collections have had consideration, but are not what they ought to be.

Church Literature.—Our people do not support the Book Concern as they ought and as they have ability. There is a lamentable lack among our people in religious books and church papers. In a membership of 7,300 we have represented 2,000 families. Of these, 1,663 are without a Methodist Church paper. In addition to this number we have among our young people a circulation of 252 Epworth Heralds. Here and there may be found a copy of some other religious paper, but very many are without any church and religious reading.

FINALLY.—Every interest as far as I know has been attended to, but we are very far from marching abreast of the great opportunity the Lord has set before us; yet it has been a year in many respects of commendable progress, and abundant in many things for which to rejoice and be glad. A thousand blessings and more call for recognition and devout praise to the giver of all good. Grateful to God for His providence over us, and to my brethren for the many favors shown to me, this report is respectfully submitted.

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.

IRA O. KEMBLE, P. E.

Muscatine District continues to report progress.

Dr. Dennis Murphy fell at his post in West Liberty, January 29th. The church bell rang for an evening service; the prompt pastor did not appear; a few moments later the tidings came—Dr. Murphy is not, for God has taken, him. A strong man, a faithful minister of the Gospel, a noble Christian and a brother beloved has joined the Church triumphant. A suitable memoir will appear at the proper time. Sister Murphy demonstrated that she belongs to the heroic type of itinerant wives, by superintending all the interests of the Charge, in a very satisfactory way, until May 1st, when she was relieved by the appointment of J. B. Schreckengast, who had just completed a theological course in the Boston School. The pastors have been their own evangelists, with few exceptions. A revival spirit has generally prevailed, resulting in about 700 conversions.

This year's District Camp-meeting compares very favorably with those of the past. The question of maintaining a permanent district camp-ground has two sides; after six years' experience, I am gravitating toward the negative.

The Epworth League Chapters number 40, with an aggregate membership of 1,859. The Junior Leagues number 17, with a membership of 624. This promising child of the Church needs fostering care. As a Presiding Elder, I am jealous for the maintenance of the time-honored and Godblessed Love-feast. The Leaguers are inclined to substitute a League meeting on Quarterly meeting occasions for the Love-feast. I think, however, the remedy lies with the pastor, who may, without giving offense to the zealous Leaguers, induce them to dispense with the Sabbath service of the League, and come in a body to the Love-feast. In my judgment, the Junior League has even larger possibilities than the League itself.

Church literature is taken as follows: Advocates, 358:

Methodist Reviews, nine. Epworth Heralds, 624. This statement indicates the great work to be done, before our people can reach the measure of religious and denominational intelligence necessary for the greatest aggressive power. One new church is near completion at Montpelier, on the Blue Grass Charge; W. H. Jones, pastor. The church at Letts is being remodeled and enlarged at an expense of \$2,500; H. F. Pugh, pastor. A church building has been bought and deeded to the M. E. Church, at Windham, on the Amish Charge; F. T. Maxwell, pastor. The parsonage at Lone Tree has been improved, to the amount of over \$300; A. B. Hightshoe, pastor. A house has been purchased for a parsonage at Westchester, on the Lexington Charge; A. M. Smith, pastor. Other improvements on church property throughout the District are quite considerable.

The Benevolent collections will show a general advance above last year. The old story, "Procrastination is the thief of time," has been verified once more; and as a result, the large decrease on some Charges has almost swallowed up the handsome increase on others.

In closing my work on the Muscatine District, I am humiliated with a consciousness of my weakness in attempting so great a work. God has been gracious in ennabling me to help the Bishops to appoint a splendid corps of men from year to year, who have wrought so efficiently that the District has constantly enlarged in numbers and aggressiveness. In retiring, I have only words of esteem and appreciation for both ministers and laymen, to whom, through God, I am so largely indebæd for whatever of prosperity has attended my administration.

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.

T. B. HUGHES, P. E.

The preachers in the Oskaloosa District all went to their Charges early in the Conference year, and all continued to do faithful work to the close of the same, with one excep-

tion, W. H. Gifford, who left the Reasnor Circuit the first of March, and W. F. Hughes served that Charge acceptably to the close of the year. Considering the financial depression, the amount collected and expended for repairing and building church property is surprisingly large. A very comfortable parsonage was erected at Lacey, early in the Confer-The building is situated in a beautiful grove, near the church, and makes a delightful home for the pastor. A frame church was built at Bethel Grove, early last fall, which cost about \$1,200. It was dedicated by Morris Bamford. At Riverside, on the Des Moines River, a neat frame church was built, which cost \$1,000, and was dedicated by the writer, free of debt. At Evans, on the Oskaloosa Circuit, a church was built at an expense of \$1,000, and was dedicated by J. C. W. Coxe and E. H. Waring. At Grinnell, we have long needed a church, and now they are erecting a beautiful and commodious stone church, which will cost, when completed, about \$25,000. They hope to have it ready for occupancy by the first of January. After a year's experience, we do not hesitate to say, that the union at our last session of First Church and Simpson Chapel, at Oskaloosa, was not a mistake.

We are glad to say that the Methodists in Oskaloosa have determined to build a new church, and about \$20,000 have been secured, and the erection of the building has been commenced. The site will be the one on which the old First Church stood. It will be a stone building, and when completed will cost at least \$30,000. The energy with which the pastor and people are pushing this enterprise warrants the belief that it will be an honor to Methodism, and will be completed in the near future.

Mrs. Louisa Shaw, a highly respected member of our church at Granville, has purchased a church from the Friends, and has given the same to the Methodist Episcopal Church. This church is situated in the town of Taintor, and is valued at \$1,400. At Barnes City, a new point taken up and put into the Lacey Circuit, last year, an organization has been effected, consisting of forty-five members, and they

are now securing subscriptions to build a church to cost about \$1,200, and I think the enterprise will be successful. At various points in the District, many parsonages and churches have been papered, repaired and beautified, of which we cannot speak in detail.

The Sabbath Schools in the District are good in the numbers in attendance, and also in the efficiency of the work that they are accomplishing. In nearly all cases they are using our own literature.

There will be a good showing in many of the charges in our benevolent collections, notwithstanding the financial depression. I cannot say definitely how the aggregate amount will compare with last year, but hope that the final reports will show some increase. In the mining portion of the District, it has been very difficult to secure good collections.

The Epworth Leagues in the District are steadily growing in numbers and efficiency, and the District Convention, held in Montezuma, was pronounced decidedly successful.

The salaries of the preachers, in a majority of the charges, will, I think, be paid in full, but in some places there will be deficiencies. If penurious church members would all become liberal, and all the preachers become good pastors, there would be a commendable advancement in the salaries of the preachers.

There has been a widespread revival influence in the District, and the number of conversions will aggregate eighteen hundred, but the number of accessions will be less, because many of these converts have found homes in other churches.

The preachers have labored faithfully, and by the blessing of God have been successful in the salvation of many souls and in lifting believers to a higher plane of experience and usefulness.

Rev. George H. Clark, an aged and highly respected Superannuate, passed to his heavenly home during the year. In his death, the Church militant is poorer and the Church triumphant richer.

OTTUMWA DISTRICT.

D. C. SMITH, P. E.

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—I present my second annual report of Ottumwa District with grateful acknowledgment to our Heavenly Father for his loving care and gracious benefits to us. The pastors were all early at their posts, and have continued throughout the entire year without material interference by sickness or other hindering causes. Death invaded but two of our parsonage homes, those of Pastors Cooper and Ireland. The former was bereaved of a promising and noble son in the 19th year of his age; the latter of a son in his infancy. In some respects the year has been a difficult one for progressive work, yet substantial advancement has been made in the spiritual interests of the Church. About 1,300 conversions were reported within the District, and I think a large per cent. of these have been received into the Church.

We have not built as many small churches as last year, but perhaps more money in the aggregate has been raised for building and improving church property.

Early in the year, a small Mission church, costing about \$500, was built at a small mining town called Hickory. This enterprise was in charge of a local preacher and has only been partly paid for.

In the early spring months, a very neat and substantial country chapel was built at Washington appointment, on Knoxville Circuit, at a net cost of about \$1,200. Walter O. Woolever, the young man who supplied this Charge, and the building committee, did praiseworthy work in securing the completion of this church in about fourteen weeks from the time it was first projected. It was dedicated, free of debt, on the 19th day of May.

The society at Moravia, under the leadership of the pastor, Brother Ingham, bought a site for church and parsonage, consisting of two large lots in a good location, and containing a comfortable house of seven rooms, which will answer for a parsonage until the society has built a church, and shall

reach the ability to erect a more commodious house. The consideration for this property was \$1,000. The society at Cedar, under the pastorate of Brother W. B. Ireland, built a new parsonage at a cost thus far of about \$1,200, which, when complete, will be very commodious. It will require about \$200 more to complete it.

Several parsonages have been improved, namely, at Martinsburg, Fremont, Unionville and Albia, and possibly others not reported to me.

Church buildings have been improved in the following Charges: Lovilia, Attica, Hedrick, Sigourney, Kirkville, Eddyville and Ottumwa First Church. But the most extensive undertaking is the church building in Knoxville, Bro. W. F. Mair, pastor. This church, it is expected, will be completed about the first of the new year, and will be a model of neatness and completeness for the money, \$20,000. The building committee, we think, have exercised excellent judgment and economy in their plans and contract. The corner-stone was laid August 29th.

An indebtedness of \$725 upon the Hedrick Church was lifted in the early part of the year; also, an indebtedness of \$500 on the Haysville Church during the summer.

The aggregate salaries allowed the pastors of the District this year is \$20,794. A gain of \$738. I think there will be a corresponding gain in the benevolences.

I have, in the providence of God, been able to meet all the Quarterly Conferences but three, and preach an average of four sermons a week, together with the other duties that have fallen to me.

As far as possible, I have avoided calling the pastors from their own Charges to supply quarterly meetings, but when necessary to ask of them such service, their response was hearty and their work much appreciated. The president of our college, Dr. Stafford, rendered excellent service of this kind in several Charges.

The Epworth League work has had some growth. There are seven more active chapters in the District than last year.

Most of the pastors wisely utilize this powerful agency in the Church.

Among the hindrances to the Gospel, the "Spread of Scriptural Holiness," and the growth of the Church, is an independent movement called the "Holiness Association." I have met with nothing in the name of religion that so distracts the Church, prevents the faithfulness and loyalty of its members, and causes the unsaved people to stand aloof from Christ, as this miscalled Association. I pray earnestly that the eyes of God's people may be opened to behold its true nature, and turn from it to a truly Scriptural and Methodistical holiness.

I record my sincere gratitude to the many families of the laity and ministry, who have so uniformly extended courtesies and hospitality to me, and invoke upon them abundant temporal and Spiritual blessing.

IOWA DISTRICT.

W. E. WILSON, P. E.

To the Bishop and Members of the Iowa Conference.

DEAR BISHOP, ELDERS AND BRETHREN:—With thankful heart and gratitude to Almighty God, I present to you my annual report. First of all, I thank God that death has not entered our ranks, and peace reigns throughout the District. The year, though a hard one, has not been without some good fruit.

At the last session of our Conference, Bishop Fowler appointed four pastors to fields of labor, giving me the District with seven prospective places to be supplied. I, with the pastors, were all early at our posts of duty, save one, and at once sounded the alarm of battle against sin and set out to win fifty souls for Jesus, and our labor has not been in vain.

I held the first round of quarterly meetings as early as possible so that the pastors might get the year's work before them, then set about the work left to be supplied and God gave us success.

When I tell you, Bishop, that the colored people of this Northwest have been left for thirty years without that fatherly care and Methodistical training which only the Church can or does give, you are not surprised if we fail here and there, but rather surprised at our success.

Oskaloosa and Colon, Brother S. D. Brown, pastor. This is our best appointment, but will not be very long unless it takes second growth. Brother Brown has had a good year, a good revival, and several additions. At Oskaloosa, we have a good church and parsonage all out of debt. Our property here is worth \$2,000. This is Brother Brown's second year. I have kept our benevolences before them at each quarterly meeting, and think we have succeeded beyond last year all along the line.

BURLINGTON CIRCUIT is a new field that we have not been able to enter on account of the hard times. I have been there the second time this year, and think it a good place for a society. We have a few members there.

At Keokuk, we have not made any advance. Here we have a small class of ten good members, which we have managed to keep together. With \$1,000 we can put our people into a nice little church, free of debt, with Ft. Madison 20 miles away as an out appointment. Brother Woolrich, a local preacher, has preached for them occasionally, and I have given what time I could to this work.

Quincy and Pittsfield, Illinois.—Brother John A. Lee, pastor. There is a good opening in Quincy for us. The German Methodists have offered to sell us their church and parsonage at a sacrifice. They are going to build, and it would be equal in every way to the needs of our work at that place. We can get the whole property for \$5,000 or \$6,000. It is very centrally located for us. At Pittsfield, we have built a nice little church, all complete but plaster and paint. The building is 20 x 34, with vestibule in front. We have a small debt of \$150, which we hope to pay in the next six months.

Springfield.—A. M. Somerville, pastor. This work was

just begun last winter. We have a class at this place, and our Board of Trustees are composed partly of leading white business men of the city. We have contracted for a church and parsonage, good brick buildings,—the church is 28 x 40 feet, two good lots on the corner. This we get for \$1,200. The reason we know it is cheap we have been offered \$800 to quit our claim. We are taking subscriptions to be paid when \$800 is subscribed. Then the \$800 becomes due and payable to Brother Staley, a leading business man and member of Second M. E. Church, of Springfield, who is one of the trustees.

DES MOINES.—Burns' Chapel. This is our best church property. Here we have a church and parsonage property worth \$6,000, with \$300 Church Extension debt against it. This church was almost gone when we took the District. Bishop Fowler appointed Brother F. L. Donohoo as pastor last year, who failed to come. I providentially secured Bro. A. W. White in his place. Brother White entered the work in mid-winter, I having preached for them one Sunday each month and keeping up the other meetings with a local preacher. We have had here a great revival and several accessions. The Sunday School is built up, the Epworth League organized, and the membership greatly built up. A new roof has been put on both church and parsonage at a cost of about \$100, and all paid.

\$350. We have quite a subscription and a little cash for this purpose. This work has been supplied with Brothers Kennedy and Prather, local preachers. We believe this a very important field. At Carroll, there are about 100 colored people. Here we have a small class. We have bought a house and lot for \$500, and started a Sunday School. This point has been attached to Council Bluffs.

OMAHA AND SOUTH OMAHA.—This is strictly a city mission. Here we need one of our strongest men. With a reasonable support the work will be a success. This has been supplied by Brother Harrison, a local preacher. Taking the work as a whole, it is growing, and our work here is

important. We had a very good District meeting last June, which showed that our people are becoming interested in the work. As to myself, I have tried to live in touch with both pastors and people. I have prayed much over the work, advised with our white Presiding Elders, and have always consulted with some of them on matters hard to adjust. It has been a hard year with us, but thank the Lord for a few sheaves. I have managed to keep out of debt so as to give prestige and character to the District, which I think it must have in order to succeed. The pastors' reports will tell you how we have done financially. The work is just opening up. Give us your prayers and help.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

We have examined the vouchers of Rev. W. E. Wilson, Presiding Elder of the Iowa District, for the expenditure of missionary funds appropriated for the work of his district and find them correct.

The amount received for the year was	0
Conference Secretary, including \$1.20 for register book, \$ 9 25 Conference Treasurer,	S
Total,	

A. N. SMITH, Secretary.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

Your Committee on Books and Periodicals submit the following report:

We rejoice that the exhibit of our Western Methodist Book Concern for the last two years shows such a handsome profit of \$411,260.49. Therefore, we will urge the sale of our publications of books, periodicals, and Sunday School and Epworth League supplies, keeping carefully in mind that added sales mean increased influence for Methodism, and added income means increased dividends to those who have claims upon our constant and cordial effort.

We heartily endorse the *Methodist Review*, and recommend its wider circulation among our ministry.

We congratulate the editor, publishers, and the whole Church on the excellent qualities and increased circulation of the *Epworth Herald*, and we urge it to be put in all our families.

That our Advocates may be made of more interest to the laity, we recommend that the pastors frequently send items of general interest to the

home Conference department of our official paper.

We endorse the efforts of the book agents to reduce the price of our Advocates, and recommend that the price be not increased above its present rate, and trust with the returning prosperity and proper diligence of the pastors, that the subscription list may be handsomely increased the coming year.

H. C. MILLICE, J. R. PAYNE, JOHN POTTER, SAMUEL THERO.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

In view of the greatly increasing work of the Church Extension Society, and in view of the fact that twenty-nine charges in the Iowa Conference took no collection for this cause last year, we urge on our brethren and members due attention to this great benevolence of our Church, and call attention to this literature of the Society offered gratuitously to assist in taking the collection.

R. L. PATTERSON, Chairman.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE RECORDS.

Your Committee on District Conference Records report that we have examined the records of the several districts and find them neatly and properly kept.

W. B. MARSH, Chairman.

DEACONESSES.

Your Committee would report that we are persuaded that the work of the Deaconesses is proving an element of additional power wherever introduced and is blessed of God, furnishing as it does a sphere of labor for consecrated women of our Church. Wherefore, we recommend that the pastors of the Conference be instructed to keep in mind this auxiliary, and to call attention of consecrated young women to the training they may receive from our Deaconess' Training Schools, and to suggest to the proper persons this field of labor.

C. E. CORKHILL, President. W. S. GARDNER, Secretary.

EPISCOPAL FUND.

We, your Committee on Episcopal Fund, would report as follows:

We have seen the delinquents personally, and all but the following have paid: G. W. Younkin, Wapello, \$5; R. Weese, Bentonsport, \$4; F. H. Pickworth, Bloomfield Ct., \$2.

D. S. DUNLAVY, Chairman.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Your Committee on Epworth League desire to report as follows:

We congratulate the Church on the fact of the glorious possibilities which lie in the great membership of Epworthians, with its enthusiasm of youth and consecration to God and the Church, and that it may quickly and the more efficiently enter the fields all ready to work, we recommend renewed activities in the departments of Mercy and Help and Social Work, recognizing that to reach the world in sin and poverty we must administer to the necessities, lift up the fallen, and reach through the social life those whom we could perhaps reach in no other way, thus being all things to all men. We would caution all our Leaguers that only by being loyal to the Church and all its services, her doctrines and benevolences, can we demonstrate to the Church and the world that they came forth in answer to a need and they are most nobly filling the place.

We would recommend the pledge to every Leaguer and that it be the

aim of their lives.

The Epworth Herald is the organ of the League, and we recommend it to every Leaguer and would discourage the publication of any other paper designed to take its place or detract from its circulation.

A. S. LOVEALL, President. W. B. MARSH, Secretary.

STATE OF COUNTRY.

With devout thankfulness to God, we recognize returning business prosperity. We rejoice in the tendency to recognize a community of interest between labor and capital, and to settle differences by arbitration. We rejoice that a Christian spirit has so overcome sectional strife that both North and South can unite in such fraternal relations as were seen in the Epworth League gathering at Chattanooga and the recent G. A. R. encampment at Louisville. problem of pure municipal government is the most difficult problem of the hour. The massing in our large cities of un-American forces, many of them utterly depraved and others controlled by interest beyond the sea, tends to weaken respect for all law, to deterioration in its quality and laxity in its enforcement. While we rejoice in successful efforts toward reform, as seen especially in New York City, we declare our earnest belief that all such effort will be spasmodic unless increased activity of the Church shall create constantly a public sentiment of the highest order. If this nation is to achieve its destiny under the blessing of God, its laws must be made by Christian sentiment and administered with Christian fidelity, and patriotism and religion must go hand in hand. A. V. KENDRICK, Chairman.

I. B. Schreckengast, Secretary.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS.

Your Committee on Conference Relations, to whom was referred the case of T. J. Marshall, of Oskaloosa, Iowa, would report that in our judgment his credentials should not be restored.

J. W. Lambert, Chairman.

EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education would present the following report:

We are highly gratified to learn from the report of the Treasurer of Trustees for the Iowa Wesleyan University of the continued prosperity attending our institution of learning.

We are also glad to learn that by the gift of Mrs. Elizabeth Hershey, the erection of a woman's building is among the possibilities of the immediate future. We would learn from the success of Rev. J. F. Robertson, the pastor of our church at Muscatine, in this matter, to be watchful for like opportunities for increasing the usefulness of our school. We urge upon our pastors, where it has not already been done, that they bring the matter before their Epworth Leagues and ask their co-operation in the effort to comply with the conditions by which this gift of \$10,000 may be made available.

We are especially gratified with the high spiritual standing of our school, and rejoice to learn that in nearly every instance those who enter its precincts are impressed to their spiritual profit.

We with emphasis call attention to the statement of the Treasurer in regard to the necessity for an increased endowment, and recommend that in order to meet the annual expenses and provide assistance for needy students, the sum of \$3,000 be apportioned among our charges, to be raised by them during the ensuing year. We also congratulate the school upon the recent additions made to the Faculty, and trust that they may prove to be for the permanent good of the school.

We learn with regret of the death of Dr. Ridgeway, President of the Garrett Biblical Institute, but are pleased to know that the trustees have so soon filled the vacancy caused thereby by the election of Dr. C. J. Little to the Presidency.

In view of the rapidly opening mission fields, we would urge upon our Theological Schools that they institute a department of missionary instruction in connection with their course of study.

We express our grateful appreciation of the American University movement in Washington, D. C., and will co-operate so far as in our power to insure its success.

It has been a great pleasure to us to have with us Dr. J. F. Goucher, President of the Woman's College in Baltimore, Maryland, and we recognize with thankfulness the work being done by this school in developing the highest type of true Christian womanhood. We most sincerely commend it to the confidence of those of our people who propose sending their daughters to a school exclusively for women.

We urge upon our pastors great care in reporting their collections for educational purposes. We reiterate our protest against the practice of

diverting the funds raised upon Children's Day to any other purpose than

that provided for in the Discipline.

We would place in nomination the following trustees to the I. W. U. to fill vacancy caused by the death of Rev. Dr. Murphy: Rev. A. V. Kendrick. For the class whose term of service will expire in 1899: W. F. Cowles, W. S. Withrow, W. R. Cole, Mrs. M. E. Huston, C. F. Craver, T. J. Myers. As visitors to the Educational Institutions: Iowa Wesleyan University—S. L. Vest, W. R. Stryker, J. F. Barnett, Fletcher Mead, G. B. Swarts, P. H. Bradley, Nannie Brigaman, E. C. Brooks, W. J. Sampson; to the Garrett Biblical Institute—W. R. Stryker, John Hanks, G. M. Tuttle.

Respectfully submitted.

J. A. Boatman, Chairman.

SECRETARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

By the blessing of God, I am permitted to present this, the forty-first report of the Board of Trustees of the Iowa Wesleyan University.

The catalogue for 1894–5 shows a total enrollment of 403. Of these, 257 were in the Literary departments—one less

than in same departments last year.

There were 19 in the Senior Class, making the complete

roll of the Alumni number 487.

The Treasurer's report shows the expense of the school to June 10th, 1895, to be \$9,527. This is \$495 in excess of the income, which, added to the shortage of preceding years, and to the debt on new Chapel, and the fact that the enlargement of the Faculty will incur several hundreds of increase in expense next year, emphasize, as loud as facts can, the absolute necessity for increased endowment, or certain failure to meet the growing demands of the school.

During the year the President secured a \$10,000 donation from Mrs. Elisabeth Hershey, of Muscatine, for a Ladies' Dormitory. This donation was conditioned on the raising of a like sum within the Conference by the first of October, 1895. About \$9,000 are already secured, so that if \$1,000 more are speedily pledged, the much longed for dormitory

will be assured.

Several familiar names disappear from the roll of the Faculty for the ensuing year. Miss Ella Nicholson, who for so long presided over the Department of Literature, having secured a position in Napa, Cal., declined a re-election, and Prof. Wm. Koren was elected to take her place. Miss Minnie J. Edmand, after being elected, decided to take up post-graduate work in Chicago University, and resigned,

when the Executive Committee elected Rev. F. C. Demorest to the chair of Latin. Lieut. McAlexander, who for four years had presided over the Military and Mathematical Departments, received orders to rejoin the U. S. Army; Capt. Hodges has been detailed to take his place as Military Officer in the University, and Prof. Edwin Johnson was elected by the Board to the Chair of Mathematics. Mrs. Julia B. McKibbin was elected Preceptress and Professor of History. The remainder of the Faculty is the same as last year.

The term of the following Trustees expires with this Conference year, viz.: W. F. Cowles, W. S. Withrow, W. R. Cole, Mrs. M. E. Huston, C. F. Craver and T. J. Myers. Of these, Mrs. Huston was recommended by the Alumnal

Association.

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. CORLEY, Secretary.

IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY VISITORS. *

Your appointed Visitors to the Iowa Wesleyan University would report the performance of said duty. We were cordially received, given full opportunity to enquire into the working of the college and participated in the meetings of the Board of Trustees.

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THOS. OSBORN, Chairman.

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that provided for in the Discipline.

We would place in nomination the following trustees to the I. W. U. to fill vacancy caused by the death of Rev. Dr. Murphy: Rev. A. V. Kendrick. For the class whose term of service will expire in 1899: W. F. Cowles, W. S. Withrow, W. R. Cole, Mrs. M. E. Huston, C. F. Craver, T. J. Myers. As visitors to the Educational Institutions: Iowa Wesleyan University—S. L. Vest, W. R. Stryker, J. F. Barnett, Fletcher Mead, G. B. Swarts, P. H. Bradley, Nannie Brigaman, E. C. Brooks, W. J. Sampson; to the Garrett Biblical Institute—W. R. Stryker, John Hanks, G. M. Tuttle.

Respectfully submitted.

J. A. BOATMAN, Chairman.

SECRETARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

By the blessing of God, I am permitted to present this, the forty-first report of the Board of Trustees of the Iowa Wesleyan University.

The catalogue for 1894-5 shows a total enrollment of 403. Of these, 257 were in the Literary departments—one less

than in same departments last year.

There were 19 in the Senior Class, making the complete

roll of the Alumni number 487.

The Treasurer's report shows the expense of the school to June 10th, 1895, to be \$9,527. This is \$495 in excess of the income, which, added to the shortage of preceding years, and to the debt on new Chapel, and the fact that the enlargement of the Faculty will incur several hundreds of increase in expense next year, emphasize, as loud as facts can, the absolute necessity for increased endowment, or certain failure to meet the growing demands of the school.

During the year the President secured a \$10,000 donation from Mrs. Elisabeth Hershey, of Muscatine, for a Ladies' Dormitory. This donation was conditioned on the raising of a like sum within the Conference by the first of October, 1895. About \$9,000 are already secured, so that if \$1,000 more are speedily pledged, the much longed for dormitory

will be assured.

Several familiar names disappear from the roll of the Faculty for the ensuing year. Miss Ella Nicholson, who for so long presided over the Department of Literature, having secured a position in Napa, Cal., declined a re-election, and Prof. Wm. Koren was elected to take her place. Miss Minnie J. Edmand, after being elected, decided to take up post-graduate work in Chicago University, and resigned,

when the Executive Committee elected Rev. F. C. Demorest to the chair of Latin. Lieut. McAlexander, who for four years had presided over the Military and Mathematical Departments, received orders to rejoin the U. S. Army; Capt. Hodges has been detailed to take his place as Military Officer in the University, and Prof. Edwin Johnson was elected by the Board to the Chair of Mathematics. Mrs. Julia B. McKibbin was elected Preceptress and Professor of History. The remainder of the Faculty is the same as last year.

The term of the following Trustees expires with this Conference year, viz.: W. F. Cowles, W. S. Withrow, W. R. Cole, Mrs. M. E. Huston, C. F. Craver and T. J. Myers. Of these, Mrs. Huston was recommended by the Alumnal

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UNIVERSITY DAY.

Resolved, That the second Sabbath of November, or as nearly that date as possible, shall be observed as University Day by the Conference, at which time the Educational collection for the Iowa Wesleyan University shall be taken and special effort made in each charge to raise the full apportionment for the year.

J. C. WILLITS, J. C. W. COXE.

FREEDMEN'S AID AND SOUTHERN EDUCATION SOCIETY.

WHEREAS, We recognize that crime and illiteracy are on the increase, and, WHEREAS, We recognize the efficiency of the work being done by our schools in the Southern States, therefore

Resolved, That we recognize in the Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society one of the providential factors in the conversion of millions of colored people in the South, the efficient agent approved by God in educating a ransomed race, and the largest force in bringing this people to Christ. We pledge the Society our hearty support, and will aim to reach our full apportionment for the coming year.

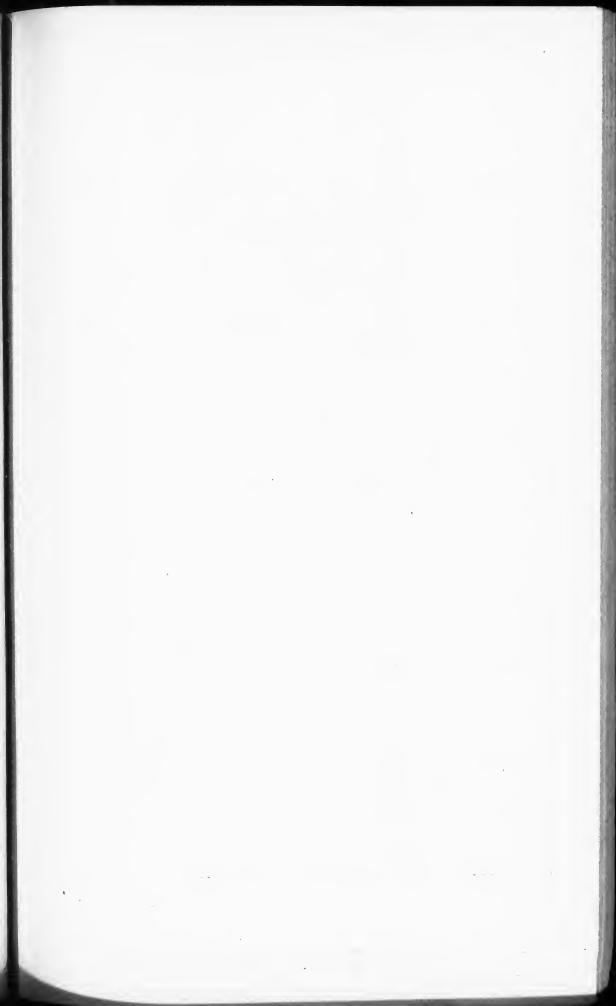
C. V. Cowan, Chairman.

SMALLER HYMNAL.

WHEREAS, Owing to the size, price and construction of our Methodist Hymnal, it is used in scarcely one-third of the charges of the Iowa Conference, and there is a strong demand for a lesser Hymnal, so arranged that the words shall appear between the music; such Hymnal to contain about three hundred hymns selected from the standard Hymnal, and to retail at a price not to exceed thirty-five cents per single copy, or thirty dollars per hundred, board covers. Therefore, believing that such a Hymnal will in no way interfere with the sale of the larger Hymnal in this Conference, be it

Resolved, That we request our Western Book Agents to arrange and publish such lesser Hymnal at their earliest convenience, and that a copy of this resolution be at once forwarded to said agents; and also, that this resolution be presented as a memorial to the General Conference.

(Signed)	W. C. CHEW,	J. R. PAYNE,	E. H. WARING,
	C. R. NORTON,	H. N. SMITH,	C. R. ZIMMERMAN,
	M. J. PUSEY,	THOS. OSBORN,	T. S. Pool,
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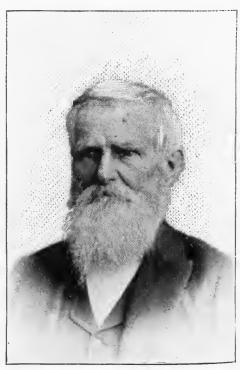




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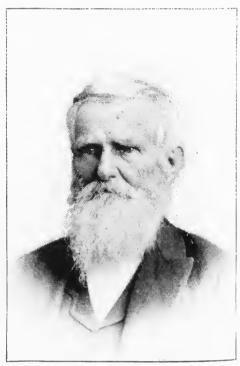
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Dr. Murphy was a man of splendid physique and rare

personal magnetism. Years of close study and observation had given him a large fund of knowledge, which was not only manifested in the social circle, but especially in his pulpit utterances. His sermons were wrought out with great painstaking, and his thought was like beaten oil, never crude. He often arranged his ideas with the consumnate skill of an artist, and always sought to discover the profoundest depths of the truth which he taught. He was forceful in delivery, logical and convincing in argument, and elegant in diction. He was a man of deep and strong convictions, and of an iron will. He had a courage which no opposition or danger could appal. His watchwords were, be industrious, be studious, be enthusiastic and have faith in humanity and God. He was not ambitious or selfe-seeking, but was always ready to take with cheerfulness any work the Church in its wisdom saw fit to assign him, whether it were circuit, station or district, for he had filled all these. From the humblest position in the Conference, by his ability and success he won its highest honors, having served all its best stations save one, serving also one term as presiding elder, and in 1884 represented the Conference in the General Conference which met in Philadelphia.

While he appreciated the confidence and honor bestowed, his great aim was to lead those under his care into the light and liberty of the sons of God, and to faithfully perform and finish the work God had given him to do. Through all his varied and perplexing duties, he carried the sunshine of a happy soul. It was an inspiration and a pleasure to be associated with him. His tenderness, his unselfishness and strength of character were thus portrayed by Dr. Spaulding in his funeral oration: "He was a marked man in every way, one to attract attention and to gain influence and to make an impression. He had an imposing figure, stalwart, well proportioned, almost colossal. He had singular grace of manners and speech, always polite, always elegant. possessed a pleasing countenance, intellectual and bright, with soul, sunshine and brotherly love in it. He had a large and well balanced brain. In physical power, potential; in mental power, potential; in moral and spiritual power, potential, and if not to be ranked among the very foremost men in Church and State in the country, he at least stood in native endowments and general culture among those who take a very high place. A grand character lie was, with unusual native faculties, superior culture, warmth of heart, full of holy zeal, always active, always pushing

onward into the wide domain of knowledge with intense gaze and steady step, always having the bearing of a prince among men, a splendid preacher, a noble soul, a servant of the Most High. A full, well rounded out life was his."

The dream of his life, to establish missions among the Roman Catholics, under the auspices of the Church, was not realized, and was a great grief to him. He saw the growing power of Rome and believed that the zeal and Holy Ghost fire of Methodism could break her power if rightly applied.

As a friend, he was loyal and true. As a husband, always a lover—his home life was like to that above, full of tenderness, appreciation and love. As a Christian, his faith was sublime. Few souls have grasped the mystery of things Divine as he. In his later experience be became sublimely conscious of the Divine presence and power which only great souls know. Suddenly, without a moment's struggle or warning, death came to him in the full vigor of his manhood, and he was not, for God took him.

In a short character sketch, Chaplain McCabe said: "We must regret that his departure was so sudden that he had no time to send us a message as from the very borders of Heaven, but we know what it might have been, and the words would have well befitted his victorious life: "I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith."

Funeral services were held, both in West Liberty and First Church, Mt. Pleasant, where a number of the brethren paid their last tribute to his loyalty and devotion. He was laid to rest in Forest Home Cemetery, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, by the side of his only son, where his sleeping dust awaits the resurrection morn. In the death of Dr. Murphy, his surviving companion has lost a most tender and affectionate husband, and the Church one of its ablest and best ministers.

Thos. E. Corkhill.

REV. GEORGE H. CLARK.

Rev. George H. Clark, a Superannuated member of the Iowa Conference, died suddenly at his home, near Oskaloosa, Iowa, on April 16, 1895, in the sixty-eighth year of his age. The deceased was the second son of Rev. Samuel and Elizabeth Clark, and was born at Gettysburg, Pa. His father was for many years an eminent and honored Methodist preacher, first in the Baltimore, and later in the Iowa Conference.

George H. Clark removed with his father's family to Iowa, in his boyhood, was converted while still a youth, and was licensed to preach at the age of twenty. He entered the Iowa Conference in 1851, and served the following appointments in the order named: 1851, Bloomfield Circuit; '52, Adel; '53, Bellvue; '54, Mahaska Circuit; '55, Unionville; '56, Drakeville; '57, Chillicothe; '58-'59, Centerville; '60, Attica; '61, Fremont; '62, Ottumwa; '63, Bellair; '64, Galesburg; '65, Montezuma; '66-'67, West Point; 68, Wapello; '69-70, Muscatine Circuit; '71, Richmond; '72, Durant; '73-'74, Brighton; '75, Martinsburg; '76-77, Salem. In 1878, he retired from the active work of the ministry and settled at Oskaloosa, where he lived in Godly tranquility and usefulness the remainder of his days. He married in 1856 Miss Ann C. Bean, who, with wifely and Christian devotion, shared with him the joys and trials of the itinerant life for twenty-three years, and passed to her heavenly rest in 1879. Of this union were born three children, one of whom went to the better land in infancy. The two others, Dr. S. W. Clark and Miss Nannie Clark, reside at Oskaloosa, Iowa.

George H. Clark was a modest, warm-hearted, manly His ever-deepening faith in God filled him with perennial hopefulness for human nature; and he lived and labored in the inspiration of this large expectancy. He believed that good, and not evil, held rulership in this world, and thus he saw something to applaud and rejoice in whereever he went among men. This spirit characterized his whole work as a Methodist preacher. His hopeful sympathies with all men made him too large-minded to be a partisan, and the kind of personal success which only a union of partisans can secure, passed him by and went to those who were content to toil for it. He found his joy and satisfaction in an absorbed devotion to his duty, wherever that duty might lie. Some of his brethren may have been more brilliant, but none was more faithful; some may have been more widely known, but none was more beloved by those who knew him best.

His life of retirement for fifteen years at Oskaloosa was one of active service in the local church. The class-meeting, the prayer-meeting, the public service felt the sweetness of his spirit and the power of his spiritual life. He was one of the best and most appreciative hearers this writer has ever known. On the last Sunday of his life, and only two days before he was suddenly summoned from among us, he gave an inspiring testimony in an early class-meeting, and then listened

with a radiant face and glistening eye to the preaching of the Gospel. At the close of the service he grasped the pastor's hand and said, "The Lord is very good to me this morning."

The funeral services were held in the old First Church, in Oskaloosa, on April 18, and were participated in by Revs. Messrs. T. B. Hughes, I. P. Teter, W. G. Wilson, E. H. Waring, J. C. Kendrick, and the writer. A great concourse of mourning friends and sympathetic neighbors followed the body to its last resting place.

M. Bamford.

The memoir of Dr. C. S. H. Dunn should have been published in the Minutes of 1894, but did not reach the publishing agent in time.

REV. C. S. H. DUNN, Ph. D.

Dr. Dunn was born in Baltimore, Md., January 7, 1855, and died in London, England, August 17, 1894. He was educated at Claverack-on-the-Hudson, and afterward graduated in the class of 1878 from Drew Theological Seminary. The same year he took his classical degree from the Illinois Wesleyan University at Bloomington. After graduation, he united with Minnesota Conference, and was stationed at Morehead for two years. At the close of this term, he married Miss Belle Ryburn, a member of his college class. His succeeding appointments were Redwood Falls, two years; Saint Peter, three years; Stillwater, a year and a half; Duluth, four and a half years; Burlington, Ia., two years. all of these charges he had marked success, the result of conspicuous talent, studious pulpit preparation, excellent gifts as a speaker, remarkable social traits, and faithful pastoral Much of the present power and influence of First Church, Duluth, are due to him, and the planning of its present magnificent structure, one of the finest in Methodism, was largely inspired by him. He was eminently successful in the large congregation at First Church, Burlington, Ia., though failing health compelled his resignation at the close of his second year. He sought California for rest, and soon after assumed the Editorship of Southern California Christian Advocate, a task congenial to his scholarly tastes, though, perhaps, too taxing: Returning, after a year, to Duluth, for business reasons, he supplied the church at Superior, Wis., continuing until May of the present year. Brain difficulty, caused by overstrain, increased, and constant and severe pain caused him to yield to his physician's advice to resign his work, take a sea voyage and consult eminent physicians in Loudon. His last letters indicate his increasing confidence in God, and request constant prayers for himself. Among strangers, far from home, with only one personal friend near, he passed from earth, leaving a wife and two sons, a mother, four brothers, and three sisters.

Dr. Dunn was a persevering student. His degree as Doctor of Philosophy was conferred, after examination, by Illinois Wesleyán University, in 1881. From the several charges comes uniform testimony of his faithfulness. Wherever he served, the Church grew in numbers, and the spiritual interests, especially in the social religious services, were built up. His pastoral labors endeared him to his people everywhere. He was energetic and aggressive in the material side of church work. In his last months it was manifest that his spiritual nature was broadening and ripening for heaven. The Church at large will mourn with his family, friends, and bereaved parishioners over the early death of one who had such splendid promise for a future of increasing usefulness in the Master's kingdom.

MRS. REV. O. P. LIGHT.

Nancy Jane, daughter of James R. and Louvica Prather, was born in Clark county, Indiana, September 12th, A. D. 1833, and died August 4th, 1895. While she was yet a little child, her parents moved to Jefferson county, Iowa, where she grew to womanhood.

In the summer of 1853, she came to visit relatives in Illinois, where she became acquainted with the bereaved husband, the Rev. O. P. Light, of the Illinois Conference, and was united in marriage on September 6th, 1853. Her parents died while she was yet in her girlhood days. She sought and found the Savior in early life, and united with the M. E. Church, and maintained a consistent Christian walk for over forty-five years.

During a married life of nearly forty-two years, she experienced all the joys and hardships of an itinerant minister's wife in the Illinois, Minnesota, Nebraska, Kansas, and Oklahoma Conferences, and was ever faithful to all the trusts confided to her charge in all the relations sustained by her

husband as pastor, Effective, Supernumerary and Superan-

nuated preacher in the above localities.

She died in Wymore, where she had come to visit her two daughters. Mrs. Light was the mother of eight children, five of whom are still living, three in Nebraska and two in Oklahoma. She died peacefully, giving her spirit back to God without a murmur or complaint. During her life-time, outside of her direct church work, she took a decided interest in the cause of temperance, first with the Good Templars, and then with the W. C. T. U. She was president of the first local union in Wymore, Neb., and after removing to Oklahoma she became president of the local union in El Reno, president of the southern District of Oklahoma, and treasurer of the Territorial Union, all of which places she filled with honor to herself and fidelity to the cause, until she was wholly unable to work, because of the sickness resulting in her final decease.

Affectionate and true as wife, faithful and tender as mother, consistent and above reproach as a church member, she remained unwavering to the end, and is not, for God has taken her. Her husband walking alone, and her children rising up and calling her blessed, await in happy anticipation of the time when the gracious heavenly Father shall say, "It is enough; come up higher."

TREASURER OF PERMANENT FUND.

 Sept. 1, 1895, amount of fund on hand.
 \$402 98

 Interest on fund to date.
 28 16

To the Bishop and Brethren of the Iowa Annual Conference in Session:—

Above please find my report of funds in my hands as Treasurer of the Permanent Fund for Superannuate preachers.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE HAW, Treasurer.

OTTUMWA, IOWA, Sept. 10, 1895.

PUBLISHING AGENT OF THE IOWA CONFERENCE.

	RECEIPTS.			
From	sale of 2,468 copies	\$254	50	
	advertising and sale of cut	33	50	
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EXPENDITURES.

Publishing 2,500 copies Distributing to pastors Paid for cuts, postage, expressage, etc " " personal expenses	42	38	
Total	• • • • • • • •		26 8 00
Balance on hand			\$ 20 00

C. W. SHEPHERD, Publishing Agent.

OTTUMWA, IOWA, Sept. 11, 1895.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

Since the observance of the Sabbath is as binding upon us as when the Lord gave the law to Moses, and the desecration of the day causes great danger to our social and civil life; therefore,

Resolved, That we condemn in the strongest terms the wild rage with which the Sabbath is being turned into a day of amusement, causing the exclusion of our people from sacred worship. It occurs to us also that the growing customs of our railroads to run Sunday excursions imposes upon the rights of all our communities by turning loose upon us disorderly crowds whose presence is often a menace to social order, and, further, the custom violates the claims the public has upon the agents of transportation, for this desecration by the railroads diminishes the efficiency of their employes, who have again and again prayed for the sympathy of the public in relief from the pernicious infliction.

Resolved, That we censure the conduct of some of our public speakers in accepting large sums of money from the railroads and other incorporations, to induce them to display themselves as centres of attractions for great Sunday gatherings.

J. B. HARDY, President.

A. B. HIGHTSHOE, Secretary.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

We rejoice in the continued prosperity of the Sabbath Schools and their progress in the different avenues of work, the gradual increase in numbers reaching 29,862 schools, 348,685 officers and teachers, 2,510,390 scholars. We recommend the greatest care in the selection of teachers and officers for the training of this vast army of children. We recommend the use of Sabbath School literature published by our own publishing houses, and that pastors use every effort for this accomplishment.

We are also pleased to note the evangelizing instrumentality of the Tract Society in placing inexpensive, convenient and brief tracts in the hands of those who are unacquainted with the great truths of the Gospel.

COMMITTEE.

STEWARDS' REPORT No. 1.

QUESTION I. What are the claims on the Conference funds?

ANSWER. Of the Effective preachers, Nothing; of Superannuates and widows, \$6,500.

QUESTION 2. What sums have been received on these claims, and how have they been distributed?

ANSWER I. Received from collections, \$1,710; from Chartered Fund, \$25; from Book Concern, \$1,287; from Conference Fund, \$28; Mrs. Friend's last year's apportionment returned, \$100. Total received from all sources, \$3,150; on hand from Contingent Fund of last year, \$37; total, \$3,187.

Answer 2. Distributed as follows:

TO SUPERANNUATES.

Names.	AMOUNT.	
J. B. Hill		Self.
J. T. Coleman	200	Self.
R. B. Allender		Self.
Jesse Craig		C. W. Shepherd.
John Burgess		
J. B. Hardy		
M. See	175	
N. Wells		C. L. Stafford.
J. G. Thompson		E. J. Pike.
S. H. Thomas		
James Haynes		E. L. Schreiner.
0. P. Light		E. L. Schreiner.
Total	\$1,740	

WIDOWS.

Mrs. Coddington	\$ 40W. P. Stoddard.
Mrs. Freeland	160J. C. Willits.
Mrs. Donaldson	110T. S. Pool.
Mrs. Reynolds	20E. L. Schreiner.
Mrs. Hare	100E. L. Schreiner.
Mrs. Wheeler	145W. P. Stoddard.
Mrs. Allison.	100E. L. Schreiner.
Mrs. Wayman	10F. W. Adams.

Names. Mrs. Steward. Mrs. Woodford. Mrs. McDonald. Mrs. Latham. Mrs. Kirkpatrick. Mrs. Hestwood. Mrs. Haynes. Mrs. Wilson	\$ 10	By WHOM TAKEN. W. P. Stoddard. E. L. Schreiner. E. L. Schreiner. E. L. Schreiner. E. L. Schreiner. E. H. Waring. J. W. Lambert.
Total Paid for blanks, etc Contingent Fund Total	3	

Respectfully submitted,

G. M. TUTTLE, President.

E. L. Schreiner, Secretary.

U. B. SMITH, Treasurer.

STEWARDS' REPORT No. 2.

WHEREAS, The Conference Treasurer's report shows a decrease of \$168 in the Conference Claimants' collection, or an average of \$34 for each District; and,

WHEREAS, Had it not been for an increased dividend from the Book Concern and the return of \$100 of last year's apportionment, we would have been compelled to materially decrease the already small apportionment to the Claimants; therefore,

Resolved, That we as Pastors and Presiding Elders be requested in our zeal for other worthy benevolences not to overlook the interests of those to whom the Church owes a lasting debt of gratitude.

Secondly, That we recommend that a committee of three be appointed to formulate and report at next Conference a plan for the better support of our Conference Claimants.

BOARD OF STEWARDS.

The following are the names of widows, etc., who are beneficiaries of the Conference:

Mary McDonald, Hannah J. Hare, Mary A. Latham, Alice Allison, Belle Coddington, C. I. Kirkpatrick, Olive G. Wayman, Mattie Wilson,

Mrs. Steward,
Mrs. Hestwood,
Clara S. Wheeler,
R. Donaldson,
Maria L. Woodford,
Mary F. Haynes,
Mrs. C. P. Reynolds,
Mary L. Freeland.

CONFERENCE TREASURER'S REPORT.

TREASURER IN ACCOUNT WITH COLLECTIONS.

COLLECTIONS.	TOTALS	Vouchers	Cash	To WHOM PAID.
Missions	\$14,517	\$2,848	\$11,669	Bish. Thoburn & Cranston & Curts.
Church Extension	962	201	761	James Long.
Sunday School Union	244	49	195	Cranston & Curts.
Tract Society	225	45	180	
Freedmen's Aid	984	150		"
Episcopal Fund	1,347	88	1,259	"
General Conference Expenses	723	108		"
Children's Fund	752	457		C. H. Payne.
Iowa Wesleyan University	1,032	324		C. L. Stafford.
American Bible Society	216	77		R. W. Hughes.
Woman's Foreign Miss'y Society	3,654	3,590	64	Mrs. L. W. Byrkit.
Woman's Home Miss'y Society	2,004	1,967		
Conference Claimants	1,740	36	*1,674	U. B. Smith.
Wesley Hospital	8	6	2	
Hall of History	5	5		Treas. University.
Totals	\$28,413	\$9,951	\$18,432	

^{*\$30} in hands of Conference Treasurer.

C. W. Shepherd, Treasurer.

OTTUMWA, IOWA, September 16, 1895.

MISSIONARY TREASURER'S REPORT.

SUMMARY BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	PRESIDING FLDERS.	APPORTION- MENT	FROM	FROM SUNDAY SCHOOLS	Totals	INCREASE	DECREASE	AVERAGE. PER MEMBER
Muscatine Oskaloosa Ottumwa	T. J. Myers I. O. Kemble T. B. Hughes	\$3,000 3,000 3,150 3,000 2,850	\$2,187 2,525 2,775 2,176 2,104	73 ^S	3,348	134 63 280		56c 50c 61c 51c 41c 4c
Totals		\$15,010	\$11,773	\$2,744	\$14,517	\$1,041 1,037	4	51C

Receipts from charges	\$14,545
By cash forwarded during the year. \$ 2,868 " " paid Cranston & Curts. 11,469 " " Bishop Thoburn. 200 " " for blanks and postage. 2 " " on hand to balance. 6	\$14,545

C. W. SHEPHERD, Treasurer.

OTTUMWA, IOWA, September 16, 1895.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Your Committee would respectfully report:

That we recognize in this society one of the most potent agencies in the evangelization of the world, reaching as it does the mothers in heathen lands and thus opening the way to the most aggressive work among all nations.

2d. That we will encourage all efforts made to organize auxiliaries within the bounds of our charges, and other means for the extension of the work committed to it.

STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Your Committee on the State of the Church would make the following report:

The Church is to be congratulated that it has taken no backward step. On all great questions that look toward the uplifting of humanity she occupies the front ranks in all forward movements. The Master's command, "Go ye into all the world," is meeting with a vigorous obedience, while in an increasing ratio the peoples of the world are waking up to the fact that the Christian religion is the uplifting force they most need, and thousands are receiving the blessings of Christ's saving power. Increasing millions of dollars are being spent in all philanthropic enterprises, breathing the spirit of the good samaritan and obeying the teaching of Christ in manifestations of love to our neighbors and the teachings of Paul, to "bear ye one another's burdens," and let the strong bear the infirmities of the weak. We see hopeful indications for the future in the general longing upon the part of the ministry for the deeper experience and for the power coming from the gift of the Holy Spirit in the general activity upon the part of the church member in every line of work, especially the Young People's movements. The growing armies of the millions of young people means the speedy conquest of the world for Christ in the increasing spirit

of fraternity between denominations. We see the need and would urgently recommend very great care upon the leaders in the vast hosts of Christian workers; of the constant, careful and prayerful use of God's Word and the endowment of the power of the spirit.

We recommend the appointment of a member of this Conference as one of a committee of four, the other three to be appointed by the other Conference of Iowa, to represent Iowa Methodism in the interdenominational commission that is in process of formation for the purpose of more complete fellowship and co-operation among the different denominations of the State.

W. H. Mahaffie, Sec'y. W. G. Thorn, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE.

We look upon intemperance as the deadly foe of every man, and especially do we regard the use of intoxicants as a beverage as the great evil of the day. The saloon is the legitimate child of sin, and although legalized in Iowa, it bears only the fruit of everlasting shame and contempt. Wherever there is a saloon there is also a school of anarchy and of vice, an enemy of the government, of society, the church, the school and the home. Therefore, in the name of God, we say this accursed thing in Iowa shall die.

We believe in a conscience void of offence toward God and man for time and for eternity, and as we do not believe that the liquor traffic can be legalized without sin, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, as a Conference and as Methodist preachers, we will not vote for, neither will we sustain by our influence any person or party who are in favor of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, nor who refuse to put themselves squarely on record against the legalized saloon and the re-opening of breweries and distilleries in Iowa.

TOBACCO.

Whereas, The use of tobacco as a stimulant is becoming more and more offensive to the enlightened conscience of Christian men and women, and,

WHEREAS, The use of this narcotic by ministers is often presented as an argument by persons indulging in other vices to justify themselves, therefore,

Resolved, That we are opposed to the use of tobacco in any form as a habit by our members, and positively forbid the use of tobacco by the ministers as the Discipline requires, and that any violation of the obligation and pledge made by men entering our Conference shall be a sufficient cause for the arrest of character.

C. W. Powelson, Chairman.

MEMORIALS.

BURLINGTON DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

WHEREAS, There was held at Ft. Madison, on July 15-18, a most successful meeting of the undergraduates of the Iowa Conference, with the exception of the class of the second year,

Therefore, we, the members of the Burlington District Conference in session, do petition the Iowa Annual Conference to securely establish the Iowa Conference Itinerants' Club and authorize that the committees hold all examinations at the meetings of said club; that the chairmen of the several committees of examination constitute the committee to prepare the program and arrange for the meetings of said club; that the regular sessions shall be held not earlier than July 15th, nor later than Aug. 15th.

M. J. Pusey, Secretary.

FROM OTTUMWA DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

To the Bishop and Members of the Iowa Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church in session at Ottumwa, Sept. 11, 1895:

DEAR BRETHREN:—The recent session of the Ottumwa District Conference, held at Hedrick, Iowa, July 17th, 1895, passed the following Memorial on Marriage:

WHEREAS, The Committee on Revisals of the last General Conference in their report No. 2, after considering the question of the solemnization of marriage, proposed the following: "That paragraph 190, Sec. 15, shall be changed so as to read as follows: Unordained ministers, who are serving in the pastorate by appointment of a bishop or presiding elder, shall be authorized to solemnize marriage where the civil law gives such authority."

WHEREAS, The report was never acted upon by that body, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this District Conference memorialize the Iowa Conference to instruct its representatives to the next General Conference to be held at Cleveland, Ohio, in 1896, to labor to secure the passage of the following: Amend Chapter 8, Sec. 189, by adding the following: Sec. 27. An

unordained minister, serving in the pastorate by appointment of bishop or presiding elder, is authorized to solemnize marriage where the civil law gives such authority.

D. C. SMITH, Pres.

H. C. MILLICE, Sec'y.

AMOUNTS APPORTIONED TO IOWA CONFERENCE.

For support of Bishops,			٠		\$1,361
For Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education Society, .				٠	2,500
For Contingent expenses of Iowa Wesleyan University,		٠			3,000
No division reported by the Presiding Elders.					

STATISTICS Nos. I AND II. BURLINGTON DISTRICT.

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OTTUMWA DISTRICT.

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4 Oskaloosa and Colon. S. D. Brown		60	500	180	60	240	260	40	21	4	1								3	 	 	1
5 Council Bl.& Glenw'd W. G. Prather (Sup.)			200			92	108	28	16											 	 	
6 Springf'd & Jacksonv A. M. Somerville.			200			50	150		6				1		1	1				 	 	
7 Quincy and Pittsfield J. A. Lee	250		250	185].		185	65	30	13]	1	1		2	2	4	1]		. 1	2	 	 	
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RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

1 Burlington District J. E. Corley, P. E.	18928 2345	21273 18614	2345	20959	492 1669	1543	289	272	379	2116	726	2842	252	44 4	0 28	71133	261	361	674	412 16	321 81
2 Keokuk District T. J. Myers, P.E.		20555 17195	2205	19400 1	150 1735		277		402	2446	817	3263	146	59 5	1 15	6 143			632		23 456
3 Muscatine District I.O. Kemble, P.E.				21065	735 1547	1494	306	290	389	2448	900	3348	293	66 6	7 29	1 202	314	86	1133	940 11	7 85
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DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

I. Who have been received by transfer, and from what Conferences?

S: P. Craver, from Mexico Conference; J. E. Newsome, from N. W. India Conference; C. H. Montgomery, from S. W. Kansas Conference.

2. Who have been re-admitted?

A. W. White (located, Lexington Conference, 1894).

3. Who have been received on credentials, and from what Conferences?

None.

4. Who have been received on trial?

William L. Fry, Herbert E. Colby, William F. Hughes, David G. Abbott, Paul H. McBeth, William S. Shearer.

(b). In studies of third year.

None.

5. Who have been continued on trial?

Peter D. Davisson, Fred. C. Demorest, George Schlenker, Henry Squires, A. M. Sommerville, Wade C. Barclay.

(b) In studies of second year.

George L. Minear, William H. Perdew, A. M. Mahaffie, Hiram T. Robinson, John W. Pool, Thomas B. Owen, H. A. Ingham, Harry B. Scoles, William F. Gilmore, William H. Dillon, J. E. Van Winkle.

(c) In studies of third year.

Chas. E. Coggeshall.

6. Who have been discontinued?

William A. Clark.

7. Who have been admitted into full membership?
William R. Jeffrey, Jr., Edward J. Shook, William B. Ireland, William L. Clapp.

(b) Elected and ordained Deacons previously. Hiram F. Gilbert.

- 8. What members are in the studies of third year? William R. Jeffrey, Jr., Edward J. Shook, William B. Ireland, William L. Clapp, Hiram F. Gilbert.
 - (b) Admitted in full membership previously.
- J. R. Payne, I. B. Schreckengast, J. M. Hoober, John Hanks.
 - 9. What members are in studies of fourth year?
- J. R. Payne, I. B. Schreckengast, William A. Longnecker, U. S. Smith, Samuel Thero, J. M. McClelland, W. A. Jackson, John E. Wilkins, F. T. Maxwell, C. H. Westfall.
- 10. What members have completed the Conference course of study?
 - (a) Elected and ordained Elders this year?
- C. R. Zimmerman, M. A. Meagher, William M. Erskine, William H. Heppe, John C. Willits, Elias Handy, Arthur E. Thornley.
 - 11. What others have been elected and ordained Deacons? David G. Abbott, George L. Minear.
 - 12. What others have been elected and ordained Elders?
 - (a) As local Deacons.

None.

(b) Under missionary rule.

None.

13. Was the character of each Preacher examined?

Yes. (1) The case of I. A. Bradrick was referred to the Presiding Elder of Keokuk District. (2) The case of G. W. Younkin was referred to the Presiding Elder of Burlington District for investigation.

14. Who have been transferred, and to what Conference? None.

15. Who have died?

Dennis Murphy and George H. Clark.

16. Who have been located at their own request?

W. H. Gifford.

17. Who have been located? None.

18. Who have withdrawn?

F. H. Pickworth.

19. Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints?

None.

20. Who have been expelled?

None.

21. What other personal notation should be made? None.

22. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

W. J. Spaulding, J. T. Simmons, F. W. Evans, B. Mark, A. Latimer, T. E. Corkhill, F. R. Holcomb, J. S. Ferguson, I. N. Busby, W. C. Shippen, H. C. Ethell, John Davis, J. H. Armacost.

23. Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

H. Runyan, E. W. Twining, A. W. Stryker, John Burgess, J. G. Thompson, J. B. Hardy, A. Robinson, J. T. Coleman, E. H. Waring, Jesse Craig, M. See, S. H. Thomas, O. P. Light, W. F. Cowles, R. B. Allender, W. Posten, J. B. Hill.

24. Who are the Triers of Appeals?

S. C. Bronson, G. B. Swartz, B. F. Shane, C. W. Shepherd, U. B. Smith, E. C. Brooks, W. F. Mair.

25. What is the Statistical Report for the year? (See statistical tables.)

26. What is the aggregate of the benevolent collections, as reported by the Conference Treasurer?

\$28,413.

27. What are the claims on the Conference Fund? \$6,500.

28. What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied?

\$3,187. (See Report of Stewards.)

29. Where are the Preachers stationed?

(See Appointments.)

30. Where shall the next Conference be held? At Knoxville, Iowa.

VII.

APPOINTMENTS.

Note.—The figures denote the number of years in present appointment; E. for Elder, D. for Deacon, and P. for Probationer.

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.

J. E. CORLEY, Presiding Elder, 6.—Post-office, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

Ainsworth—J. M. Coates,E.	4
Burlington, First Church—S. C. Bronson,E.	4
" Grace Church—G. B. Swartz,	3
" West Church—J. W. Potter,E.	2
" Circuit—E. S. Daly,E.	I
Columbus City—W. H. Perdew,P.	2
" Junction—M. J. Pusey,	4
Crawfordsville—Ino. W. Pool	I
Danville—Geo. Filmer,E.	3
Ft. Madison, First Church—Jno. C. Willits,E.	2
" Santa Fe Ave.—A. E. Buriff,	2
Hillsboro—H. T. Robinson,P.	I
Kossuth—T. F. Barker, E.	1
Mediapolis—A. S. Loveall, E.	2
Morning Sun-P. J. Henness,E.	3
Mt. Pleasant, First Church—W. P. Stoddard,	2
" Circuit—C. W. Powelson,	4
" West Circuit—T. Osborn (E. 1) and J. G. Barton,E.	3
Mt. Union—W. C. Chew,E.	3
New London—S. F. Bishop,E.	2
Salem—P. C. Hogle, E.	I
Sperry—G. F. Cannoni,E.	2
Wapello—T. S. Pool,E.	I
Wayland—Geo. Schlenker,	2
West Point—A. M. Mahaffie,	1
Winfield-W. N. Hall,E.	2
C. L. Stafford, President, and F. W. Adams, W. H. Mahaffie and F.	C.

C. L. Stafford, President, and F. W. Adams, W. H. Mahaffie and F. C. Demorest, Professors, in Iowa Wesleyan University, members First Church Quarterly Conference, Mt. Pleasant. W. A. Longnecker, Henry Squires, W. L. Clapp and P. D. Davisson left without appointment to attend school. H. S. Hilton, Superintendent Children's Home Society for Indiana, member of First Church, Burlington Quarterly Conference.

KEOKUK DISTRICT.

T. J. Myers, Presiding Elder, 4.—Post-office, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

1. J. MYERS, 1 restaing Etter, 4.—1 ost-office, Mr. 1 leasant, 10wa.	
D. 1 77 0 0 111	
Batavia—U. S. Smith,	
Bentonsport—R. Weese,E.	
Birmingham—J. W. Fraker,E.	2
Bloomfield—G. M. Tuttle, E.	I
Cantril—A. E. Thornley,E.	I
Centerville—I. O. Kemble,E.	I
Cincinnati—R. Breeden,E.	I
Drakeville—C. W. Evans,E.	1
Eldon—J. J. Beckham,	I
Exline—E. J. Shook,	3
Fairfield—J. A. Boatman, E.	I
Farmington—G. W. Pool, E.	2
Keokuk, Chatham Square-A. V. Kendrick,E.	2
" First Church—R. L. Patterson,	1
Keosauqua—C. L. Tennant,E.	3
" Circuit—H. F. Gilbert,	2
Libertyville—P. H. McBeth,	I
Milton—B. M. Boydston,	3
Montrose—S. Thero,	I
Moulton—W. R. Jeffrey,	I
Mt. Zion-W. M. Erskine,	I
Mystic and Jerome-E. Handy (E. 4) and Wm. Shearer,	I
Pulaski—J. E. Wilkins,	4
Salina—G. L. Minear, PD.	I
Selma—B. F. Shane,E.	I
Troy—J. W. Carson,	5
	I
C. W. Shepherd, Agent Permanent Fund for Superannuates, members	er
Keosauqua Quarterly Conference.	
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MUSCATINE DISTRICT.

J. C. W. Coxe, Presiding Elder, 1.—Post-office, Washington, Iowa.

Amish—F. T. Maxwell,D.	3
Blue Grass—J. E. Newsome,E.	I
Kalona-W. C. Vanschoiack,E.	2
Keota-W. N. Groome,E.	2
Koszta-D. S. Dunlavy,E.	I
Ladora—W. N. Potter,E.	2
Letts—H. F. Pugh,E.	2
Lexington—A. M. Smith,E.	2
Lone Tree—A. B. Hightshoe, E.	2
Marengo-W. R. Stryker,E.	I

 Rose Hill—G. W. Byrkit,
 E.

 Sonora—W. S. Kight,
 E.

 Taintor—G. W. Barber,
 E.

 Thornburg—J. A. Sinclair,
 E.

 What Cheer—A. W. Haines,
 E.

OTTUMWA DISTRICT.

D. C. SMITH, Presiding Elder, 3.—Post-office, Albia, Iowa.	
Agency—W. E. Patterson,E.	1
Albia—E. L. Schreiner,E.	I
Attica—W. A. Jackson,D.	I
Blakesburg—H. A. Ingham,P.	2
Brighton—W. H. Heppe,E.	I
Cedar—J. M. Hoober,D.	I
Chillicothe-Jno. Bridges,E.	I
Durham—A. C. Boyd (E. I) and W. L. Fry,	I
Eddyvilie,—J. C. Caughlan,E.	4
Fremont—W. S. Gardner,	2
Hedrick—C. R. Norton, E.	2
Kirkville—C. S. Cooper,E. Knoxville—W. F. Mair,E.	4
Lovilia—W. B. Ireland,	I
Martinsburg—C. W. Wilson,E.	3
Marysviile—W. F. Gilmore,	2
Melrose—J. E. Van Winkle,	I
Moravia—L. Ingham, E.	2
Ottumwa, First Church—W. G. Wilson,E.	5
" Main Street—J. W. Lewis,	I
" Willard Street—I. P. Teter,E.	3
Packwood—H. C. Millice,E.	1
Pleasant Plains—W. H. Dillon,P.	I
Richland—W. S. Moore,E.	Ι
Sigourney—E. J. Pike,E.	3
Unionville—H. B. Scoles,	2
C. F. Williams, Agent Children's Home Society for Iowa, member Firs	st
Church Quarterly Conference, Ottumwa, Iowa.	
IOWA DISTRICT.	
W. E. WILSON, Presiding Elder, 3.—Post-office, Omaha, Neb.	
Burlington Circuit—	
Centerville and Mystic—A. M. Sommerville,	I
Council Bluffs—	
Des Moines—	
Fremont and Norfolk— Grand Island—	
Jacksonville Circuit—	
Keokuk and Ft. Madison—	
Lincoln—	
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	I
Pittsfield Circuit (Ill.)—Jno. A. Lee,	2
Red Oak and Corning—	
Springfield—	

VIII.

IOWA CONFERENCE ROLL AND RECORD.

1894-1895.

	BIRTH.		ENTERED ITINERANO	Y.	Ent	
NAMES.	WHERE.	When	CHURCH OR CONFERENCE.	When	Entered Iowa Conference	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Abbott, David G		1070	Iowa	1895		West Grove.
Allander Richard R	Ohio	1850	66	1881 1854		Mt. Pleasant. Bloomfield.
Armacost, James H	Ohio	1847	Kantualer.	1000	1884	Pella.
Damitoru, Morris	10 WH	1040	64	1871		Oskaloosa.
Barber, Geo. W	10wa	1850	66	1000		New Sharon. Millersburg.
Barker, Thomas F	Tennessee	1856	66	1890		Kossuth.
Barnett, John F	Iowa	1856	44	11884		Wilton.
Beckham, James J	Arkansas	1867	Arkansas	1888	1892	Mt. Pleasant. Eldon.
Bevan, D. C	Ohio	1846	Iowa	1871		Malcom.
Bishop, S. F	Maryland	1851	V on tricker	1878	1883	New London. Fairfield.
Borts, Isaac.	Pennsylvania	1849	Kentucky St. Louis	1887	1892	Deep River.
Boyd, Alexander C	Maryland	1864	Iowa	1889		Durham.
Brown Shelton D	Pennsylvania	1851	Iowa East Tennessee	1880	1893	Milton. OMAHA.
Brown, Shelton D	Ohio	1827	Ohio	1851	1856	
Breeden, Richard	Indiana	1850	Iowa	1888		Cincinnati.
Bridges, John	Scotland	1859	Iowa	1889	1887	Chillicothe. Montezuma.
Bronson, Solon C	Iowa	1855	Upper Iowa	1878	1892	Burlington.
Burgess, John	Maryland	1821	Upper Iowa North Ohio	1844	1858	Keokuk.
Buriff, Arthur E	Ohio		Iowa	1890		Ft. Madison. Brooklyn.
Byrkit, George W	Indiana	1834	66	1857		Rose Hill.
Cannom, George F	Canada	1858	Bible Christian	1882		Sperry.
Buriff, Arthur E	St Louis Mo	1860	Austin	1889		Troy. Eddyville.
Chew, W. C.	Iowa	1859	Austin	1885		Mt. Union.
Clapp, Wm. L.	3T C	1000	Iowa	19991		Boston.
Coggeshall Charles	N. Carolina	1838	66	1000		Ainsworth. Delta.
Colby, H. E			Prim. Methodist,		1895	Barnes City.
Colling Pichard	Ohio	1817	Drive Mothodist	1847	1889	Ft. Madison.
Cooper, Charles S	Pennsylvania	1845	Missouri	1869	1890	
Corkhill, Charles E			Towa			Lacey.
Corley Joseph E	Isle of Man	1822		1851		Mt. Pleasant.
Cowan, Clarence V	Iowa	1855	Michigan Vermont Pittsburg	1880		Newton.
Cowles. W. F	New York	1819	Michigan	1843	1851	Burlington.
Craig. Jesse	Ohio	1837	Vermont	1845	1874	Washington. PUEBLO.
Craver. S. P			Towa			South America.
Daly, Eugene S	Vermont	1846	New Connection Iowa	1875	1071	Burlington.
Davisson, Peter D	reland	•••••	New Connection	1894	1871	Nashville, Ill. Mt. Pleasant.
Demorest. F. C			***	1894		
Dond Edward F	Lowe	1057		1894		Pleasant Plain. Reasnor.
Dunlavy, D. S.	Iowa	1854	St. Louis	1880	1885	Korzta.
Er-kine. W. M.	Ohio	1862	Iowa	1990		Mt. Zion.
Evans, C. W	Objo	1850	Church of God	1866	1885	Beacon. Drakeville.
Evans, Frank W	Pennsylvania	1829	Church of God	1851	1000	Des Moines.
Ferguson, J. S	El2	1040	Man Vanla Dan	1865	1891	Keckuk
Fraker, J. W	Tennessee.	1848	Towa	1884	1991	Danville. Birmingham.
Coller, Richard. Cooper, Charles S Corkhill, Charles E Corkhill, Thomas E Corkhill, Thomas E Corley, Joseph E Cowan, Clarence V. Cowles, W. F Coxe, J. C. W. Craig, Jesse Crayer, S. P Daly, Eugene S Davis, John Davisson, Peter D. Demorest. F. C Dillon, W. H. Doud, Edward E. Dunlavy, D. S Er-kine. W. M. Ethell, Henry Clay. Evans, C. W. Evans, Frank W. Ferguson, J. S. Filmer, George. Fraker, J. W. Fry. W. L. Gardner, W. S			44			Durham.
Gardner, W. S	Ohio	1852		18821		Fremont.

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CONFERENCE ROLL AND RECORD—CONTINUED.

	BIRTH.		ENTERED ITINERANO	CY.	En	
NAMES.	WHERE.	When	CHURCH OR CONFERENCE.	When	Entered Iowa Conference	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Gilbert, Hiram F	Iowa	1870	Iowa	1893		Keosauqua.
Gilmore, William F Groome, Win. N Hackley, John W Haines, Aaron W Hall, W. N Handy, Elias Handy, John			46	1894		Maryville.
Groome, Wm. N	Ohio	1000	64	18/4		Keota.
Haines Agron W	New Jorsey	1847	66	1860		Grinnell. What Cheer.
Hall. W. N.	Indiana	1849	Northwest Indiana	1873	1880	
Handy, Elias	England	1860	Iowa	1890		
Hanks, John	Iowa		Rock River	1889		
Hardy, Joshua B	Pennsylvania	1820	Rock River	1842		Brooklyn.
Hardy, Joshua B Haynes, James Henness, Peter J Heppe, Wm. H Hightshoe, Arthur B	New York	1853	Iowa	[1887]		OMAHA. Morning Sun.
Heppe, Wm. H	Illinois	1867	St. Louis German	1890	1893	
Hightshoe, Arthur B	Wisconsin	1858	Iowa	1889		Lone Tree.
Hill, John B Hilton, H. S Hogle, Peter C	Virginia	1822	West Virginia	1852	1857	
Hilton, H. S	Maine	1544	Minnesota.	1000	1890	INDIANAPOLIS Salem.
Holcomb. F. R	υπιο	•••••	10 W a	1889		Salem.
Holcomb, F. R. Hoober, Jacob M	Ohio	1852		LEASH D		Cedar.
Hughes, T. B Hughes, W. F			West Virginia	1857		Grinnell.
Hughes, W. F			Iowa			Webster.
Ingham, Hardy A			Nebraska	1891	1894	Blakesburg. Moravia.
Ingham, Hardy A Ingham, L Ireland, Wm. B	Towa.	1861	Iowa	1893	1094	
lackson Warren A			**	1892		Attica.
Jeffrey, Wm. R Johnson, Levi D Jones, Wm. H	********		46	11893		Moulton.
ohnson, Levi D	T11.	1855	66	1886		Muscatine.
Jones, Wm. H	Ohio	1860	44	1887		West Chester.
Kemble. Ira O Kendrick, A. V	Illinois	1846	66	1873		Centerville. Keokuk.
Kendrick, J. C	Illinois	1843	66	1869		Muscatine.
Kight, Winfield Scott	Maryland	1861	66	[1884]		Sonora.
Kendrick, J. C Kight, Winfield Scott Lambert, J. W	West Virginia	1850	West Virginia	I O Price	1885	Brooklyn.
Latimer, A	Donneylvania	1055	Illinois	1871	1879	Ottumwa.
Lee John Alexander	Virginia	1840	St. Louis	1868	1893	
Light. O. P.	Ohio	1828	Illinois	1852	1867	1 TITOT THEO.
Longnecker, W. A	Illinois	1868	Iowa	1892		
Latimert, J. W	West Virginia	1851	West Virginia	1879	1886	Mediapolis.
Malr, Walter F	west virginia	1901	Puget Sound	1991	1803	Knoxville. Mt. Pleasant.
Mahaffie, W. H		*****	Towa	1894	1000	West Point.
Mark, Banner	Ohio	1825	Ohio Ch. of God, S.W.Kan	1846	1860	LOS ANGELES.
					LOUI	New Sharon.
Maxwell, Frank L	10W2L	Habyi	lowa	1891		
McBeth, P. H McClelland, John M	Treland	1867	66	1809		Libertyville. Sweetland.
Meagher. Marion A	Iowa	1867	64	1891		
Meagher. Marion A Millice. Henry C	Indiana	1855	66	1885		Packwood.
Minear, George L	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •		*************************	1894		Salina.
Montgomery, C. H				1800		Victor. Richland.
Moore, W. S	Indiana	1840	66	1869		
Vewsome, J. E						Blue Grass.
Vorton Charles R	Ohio	10/5	66	1872		Hedrick.
Osborn, Thomas	lowa	1867	66	1889		Mt. Pleasant.
Patterson Ralph L	Minnesota	1860	Illinois	1889	1884	Tiffin. Keokuk.
atterson, Wm. E	Virginia	1845	Iowa	1871		Agency.
Payne, J. R			66	1888		Riverside.
Perdew, William H				1894	1000	Columbus City
helps, Warren A	England	1001	Missouri	1000	1892	Newton.
Pike, Elias J	Indiana	1846	Iowa		1890	Sigourney.
Pool, J. W.	LIUIAHA	1040	44	1894		Crawfordsville
Pool, J. W Pool, George W	West Virginia	1860	Methodist Protestant	1885	1889	Farmington.
Pool, Thomas S	lowa	18461	Iowa	1887		Wapello.
Posten, William Potter, John	England	1949		1899		Lexington.
Potter, John W	Lugiand	1864	66			Ewart. W. Burlington
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NAMES.	WHERE.	When	CHURCH OR CONFERENCE.	When	Entered Iowa Conference	POST OFFICE ADDRESS.
Powelson, C. W Pugh, Henry F	Ohio	1849	Iowa	1886		Mt. Pleasant.
Pugh, Henry F	West Virginia	1847	44			Letts.
Pusey, Morris J	Pennsylvania	1999	46	1887		Columbus Jc.
Robertson, James F	N Carolina	1691		1077	1857	Muscatine. Ottumwa.
Robinson, Au nony	N. Caronna	1010	Iowa		1007	Hillsboro.
Robinson, Anthony Robinson, Hiram T Runyan, Harrison	Virginia	1829	46			Greenfield.
Schlenker, George	New York	1860	••			Wayland.
chreckenga t. I. B			44			West Liberty
Schreckengast, I. B Schreiner, Edwin L	Ohio	1840	44			Albia.
Scoles, Harry B See, Michael			64			Unionville.
See, Michael	West Virginia	1817	***************************************	1845		Mediapolis.
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Shearer, W. S Shepherd, Charles W Shippen, Wm. C	Tilimaia	1940				Mystic.
Shippon Wm C	Ohio	1040	14			Ke sauqua.
Shook Ed I	Illinois	1860	66			Exline.
Shook, Ed. J Simmons, John T	Delaware	1890	44	1856		Ottumwa.
Sinclair, James A	Vermont	1855	44			Thornburg.
Smith, Andrew M	Ohio	1868	44			Lexington.
Smith, David Cryst	Pennsylvania	1837	4.6			Albin.
Smith, Herman N	Ohio	11862	4.6			Wellman.
Smith, Uriah B	Pennsylvania	1840	66			Williamsburg
Smith, Ulysses S	Towa	1869	46	1892		Batavia.
omerville, Aaron M paulding, W. J						Centerville.
Spaulding. W. J	New Jersey	1827	Indiana		1856	Mt. Pleasant.
equires, Henry	01:-	1044	Iowa	1893		364 D1
Stationa, Charles L	Van Vank Cita	1050	New England South	1870	1001	Mt. Pleasant.
Struken Almond W	Indiana	1002	Indiana	1050	1891 1856	
squires, Heorystafford, Charles Lstoddard, Walter Pstryker, Almond -Wstryker, Wm. R.	Indiana	11851	Iowa		1000	Marengo.
wartz George R	Audiana	1001	44			Burlington.
Swartz, George B Fennant, Charles L Feter, Isaac P	West Virginia.	1862	44			Keosauqua.
Teter, Isaac P	West Virginia	1829	44			Ottumwa.
Thero, Samuel	Iowa	1871	44			Montrose.
Thomas, Samuel H	West Virginia	1830	***************************************			Beacon.
Thero, Samuel H	Tennessee	1814	***************************************			Sigourney.
Thorn, William G	On 10	1845	***************************************			Washington.
Puttle George M	Varia Section	1004	Vermont	1070	1876	Cantril. Bloomfield.
Chornley. Arthur E	Mossochusetts	1814	Iowa		1010	Dioomileiu.
			6.6			Kalona.
Vanwinkle, James E Varing. Edmund H Veese, Renix		2000	44			Melrose.
Waring. Edmund H	England	1826	Baltimore	1850	1857	Oskaloosa.
Veese, Renix			West Virginia	1873	1885	Bentonsport.
Vella, Nelson	Pennsylvania	1825	Iowa	1852		
Vestfall, Chas. H	Illinois	1861	Southwest Kansas		1893	Pella.
			10wa	1000	1895	Oskaloosa.
Wilkins, John E				1890		Pulaski.
Willita Taba C	Laws	1004	***************************************			Ottumwa.
Vilson Charles W	Obje	1852	44	1091	•••••	Ft. Madison. Martinsburg.
Vilson, W. E	Des Moines	1000			1882	OMAHA.
Williams, Charles F Willits, John C Wilson, Charles W Wilson, W. E Wilson, William G	Indiana	1849	LOWA	1870	1002	Ottumwa.
Younkin, G. W. Limmerman, C. R	lows .	1845	10wa	1883	******	Wapello.
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SUMMARY.

Elders148 Deacons22	Superannuates
Unordained 18	Effective156
Total 188	Total 188

Members of Conference Probationers	
Total	188

IX. SESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE.

ear.	TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1844	August 14-18	Iowa City	Morris	H. W. Reed.
1845	September 3-8	Burlington	1	
1846	September 2-7 September 1-7	Bloomington	Hamlin	44
1847	September 1-7	Mt. Pleasant	Waugh	Joseph Brooks
1848	August 23-28	Dubuque	Morris	H. W. Reed
1849	August 8-13		Janes.	Langdon Tayl
1850	August 7-12.	Fairfield	Hamlin	I G Dimmitt
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1854	Sept. 27 to Oct. 4	Dupadae	Morris	H. W. Reed:
1855	Sept. 26 to Oct. 3	Neokuk	Simpson	Joseph Brook
1856	September 24-30 September 24-29	Mt. Pleasant	Janes	
857	September 24-29	Des Moines	Ames	
858	September 8-14	Fairfield	Morris	E. L. Briggs.
859	September 7-12 Aug. 29 to Sept. 3	Muscatine	Simpson	E. H. Waring
860	Aug. 29 to Sept. 3	Oskaloosa	Janes	"
861	August 21-26	Burlington	Scott.	
862	September 10-15.	Washington.	Baker	4.6
863	September 10-15 September 9-14	Newton	Ames	44
864	September 14-19	Kookuk	Innoc	44
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	Sept. 27 to Oct. 2	Vnorville	1	44
866	Sept. 20 to Uct. 1	MIOXVIIIe	Ames	6.6
867	Sept. 27 to Oct. 2	Ottumwa	Scott	44
868	September 3-1	Durington	Janes	4.6
869	September 1-6	Muscatine	Thomson	44
870	Sept. 28 to Oct. 3	Albia	Ames	
871	October 4-9	Mt. Pleasant		44
872	October 9-14	Oskaloosa	Andrews	4.4
873	September 17-21	Washington	Bowman	6.6
874	September 16-21	Rloomfield	Haven	6.6
875	September 15-21 September 6-12	Keokuk	Merrill	6.6
876	September 6-12	Ottumwa	Wiley	Geo. N Power
877	September 5-10	Kairfield	A mas	44. 1 01101
878	September 4-10	Procklyn	Foston	6.6
879	September 3-9	Dunlington	Howaic	4.6
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881	September 8-13	Knoxville	WIETTIII	4.6
882	September 6-11	Muscatine	Wiley	44
883 }	September 5-10	Burlington	Simpson	44
884	September 3-9	Uttumwa	Poster	44
885	September 10-15	Mt. Pleasant	Ninde	
886	September 2-7	Washington	Bowman	4.6
887	September 7-12	Newton	Merrill	4.6
888	September 5-10	Oskaloosa	Goodsell	44
	September 4-9			4.4
890	September 4-8	Grinnell	Joyce'	4.4
891	September 2-7	Muscatine	Foss.	4.6
892	September 7-12	Washington	Androws	4.4
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ROLL AND RECORD OF THE BISHOPS.

NAME.	POST-OFFICE ADDRESS.	Ent'red the Ministry.	Ordained Bishop.
Thomas Bowman	3929 Washington Avenue, St. Louis	1839	1872
	Roxbury, Massachusetts		1872
Stephen M. Merrill	57 Washington Street, Chicago	1846	1872
Edward G. Andrews	New York City	1848	1872
Henry W. Warren	Denver, Colorado	1855	1880
Cyrus D. Foss	Philadelphia	1857	1880
John F. Hurst	Washington, D. C	1858	1880
W. X. Ninde	Detroit, Michigan	1856	1884
John M. Walden	Cincinnati	1858	1884
Willard F. Mallalieu	Buffalo, New York	1858	1884
Charles H. Fowler	Minneapolis, Minnesota	1861	1884
John H. Vincent	Topeka, Kunsas	1853	1888
James N. FitzGerald	New Orleans, Louisiana	1862	1888
	Chattanooga, Tennessee		1888
	Omaha, Nebraska		1888
	San Francisco, California		1888

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MINISTERS.

NAMES.	BIRTH.	DEATH.	MINISTRY.
Ferree, Uriah Knight, William W	August 7, 1813	1846	1841 to 1846
Knight, William W	October 20, 1817	May 28, 1847	1844 to 184'
Arrington, Joel Ockerman, Joseph Vail, Solomon T		July 20, 1851	1833 to 185
Ockerman, Joseph	1812	August 27. 1850	1842 to 1850
Vail, Solomon T	1814	July 28, 1852	1849 to 185:
Jamison, Joseph	***************************************	1853	1051 40 1050
Bishop, Alfred		11054	1851 to 1853 1847 to 1854
Wright, Ansel	1910	Tanname 1 1850	1845 to 1859
Clark Samuel	1800	February 9 1857	1821 to 1857
McClasky Isaac	June 11, 1811	February 27, 1860	1837 to 1860
Conrad. George W	December 15, 1836	April 28, 1860	1857 to 1860
Hammond, J. Q	June 9, 1809	March 23, 1863	1847 to 1863
Hammond, J. Q	February 2, 1832	June 28, 1862	1857 to 1862
Byrkit, William A	November, 4, 1838	July 2, 1863	1860 to 1863
Simpson, William	January 22, 1812	February 22, 1864	1837 to 1864
			1857 to 1864
Stewart, Isaac I	August 4, 1806	August 15, 1864	1837 to 1864
Bussey, Amos	November 20, 1806	January 18, 1865	1837 to 1860
Worthington, David	February 13, 1815	March I, 1866	1840 to 1866
Poulog Thomas D	March 19, 1820	December 16, 1867	1855 to 1866
Hore Michael H	Dogombor 92 1817	Inly 97 1868	1855 to 1866 1845 to 1868
Flict Charles	May 16 1709	July 21, 1000	1818 to 1859
Boyles, Thomas D	March 93 1894	April 18 1871	1854 to 1871
Latham James W	July 23 1830	January 1 1872	1854 to 1865
Donaldson, David Elliott, John Power, John H Prather, Amos S.	March 22, 1828	July 21, 1872	1854 to 1872
Elliott, John	December 8, 1842	September 5, 1872	1868 to 1872
Power, John H	March 15, 1798	January 26, 1873	1821 to 1873
Prather, Amos S	April 17, 1832	April 1, 1873	1857 to 1873
White, James H Friend, George	August 2, 1814	July 17, 1873	1837 to 1861
Friend, George	February 21, 1818	October 21, 1873	1855 to 1873
Gortner, B. W Smith, David B Coddington, Eli H	May 22, 1849	August 21, 1874	1872 to 1874
Smith, David B	August 3, 1825	March 30, 1875	1869 to 1875
Joddington, Eli H	July 1, 1837	July 30 1877	1866 to 1872
hudwig Siles T	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	April 12, 1070	1873 to 1878 1877 to 1878
Hugans, John W Ludwig, Silas T. Harris, John. Wheeler, John. Holland, Benjamin	Tuna 5 1809	Tuly 20, 1070	1845 to 1875
Wheeler John	April 7 1815	June 18 1881	1855 to 1881
Holland, Benjamin	April 11, 1809	January 17, 1883	1059 4- 1074
Holtzinger, P. F.	January 6, 1816	May 20, 1883	1843 to 1881
Robinson, Richard S	March 2, 1807	May 6, 1884	1829 to 1870
Woodford, L. C	May 21, 1813	September 3, 1884	1841 to 1859
reeland, J S	August 23, 1845	January 2, 1885	1871 to 1885
Berry, Eben C	October 6, 1845	June 30, 1885	1876 to 1885
Holtzinger, P. F	July 11, 1797	October 16, 1885	1833 to 1865
Ichnson Allen W	June 5. 1813	March 10, 1886	1837 to 1875
Allicon Pohent T	May 18, 1819	June 27, 1887	1843 to 1872 1884 to 1888
Hordon Labort J	September 2, 1855	September 3, 1808	1004 10 1000
Haynes John	March 21 1020	July 10, 1000	1841 to 1865 1859 to 1888
iassner Joseph	Sentember 97 1811	March 96 1889	1836 to 1879
Morey, Cyrus	April 11 1816	March 27, 1890	1851 to 1886
Blackeney, James B.	September 24, 1827	June 18, 1890.	1850 to 1890
McCutcheon, James H.	July 3. 1812	November 24, 1890	1839 to 1862
Hayden, John Haynes, John Bassner, Joseph Morey, Cyrus Blackeney, James B. McCutcheon, James H. Willey, G. F.	December 25, 1821	June 26, 1891	1853 to 1885
Willey, G. F. W. Hestwood, S. Power, G. N. Drr, John. Smith, S. C. McDonald, J. W. Wilson, R. G. Dunn, C. S. H. Shelton, O. C. Murphy, D.	1821	June 21, 1892	
destwood, S	August 16, 1822	June 22, 1892	1853 to 1892
rower, G. N	March 3, 1829	October 26, 1892	1856 to 1892
Jrr. John	October 20, 1817	February 2. 1893	1859 to 1883
mith, S. C	July 29, 1841	May 22, 1893	1879 to 1892
Wilson B. G. W	March 13. 1834	May 31, 1893	1866 to 1893
vilson, R. G	July 5, 1858	June 2, 1894	1883 to 1894
Sholton O. C.	January 7, 1855	August 17, 1894	1880 to 1892
meiwn, U. C	816	September 5, 1894 January 29, 1895 April 16, 1895	1836 to 1888 1858 to 1895

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MINISTERS' WIVES.

NAMES.	. BORN.	DIED.
Maria La Monte Cowles Esther McDowell	January 4, 1836	August 3, 1873.
Esther McDowell	November 7, 1792	November 26, 1872
N. J. Rankin Hannah Elliott Shane	Angust 19 1840	April 27 1873
Harriet Olive Shepherd	December 7, 1850	March 12, 1873.
Josephine Rice	1852	October 20, 1873.
Jennie F. Busby	December, 1841	August 20, 1874.
Mary N. Power	April 26, 1806	January 1, 1876.
Lana Johnson Briggs	September 10, 1822	Tune 20, 1878
Jane Johnson Briggs Lucy Shelton	April 1 1816	February 4, 1878.
Martha A. Smith	November 14, 1844	August 23, 1878.
Clara Ehrman Patterson	April 26, 1851	October 9, 1881.
Ann C. Bean Clark Elmira R. Allender	March 1. 1836	1882.
Elmira R. Allender	August 16, 1820	April 7, 1883.
Milred Holland Elizabeth Clark	0 4 1005	October 11, 1883.
Elizabeth Clark	September 4, 1805	1004. March 1 1994
Emma A. Wycoff	Mov 10 1859	December 10 1884
A. B. Busby	August 27, 1857.	October 1, 1886.
S. B. Swain	August 4. 1849	March 3, 1886.
Jennie Robinson Adams	June 8, 1854	January 31, 1884.
J. H. McCutcheon	June 3, 1821	July 30, 1885.
J. W. Lewis	April 9, 1862	February 14, 1887.
C. Morey	August 15, 1821	July 28, 1888.
Mary A. Morgan Orr	November 16, 1898	November 15 1887
R. S. Robinson	July 15, 1825	July 15, 1889.
Georgiana Y. Smith	October 6, 1841	October 12, 1889.
Georgiana Y. Smith	March 20, 1841	November 11, 1889
latharine Bamford	April 28, 1831	March 16, 1890.
arah Waring	August 30, 1830	August 4, 1890.
latilda Brown Power	August 20. 1831	August 9, 1890.
Martha W. Stryker	A nove t 98 1859	April 15, 1691.
Mary B. Kemble.	December 96 1836	July 30, 1891
Lucretia E. Worthington	August 10, 1835	September 19, 1891
ane Collier	December 10, 1840	December 31, 1891.
Martha A. Simmons	March 1, 1832	May 4, 1892.
Louisa Dunlavy	June 1, 1854	September 27, 1892
lary A. Holtzinger	September 30, 1820	December 20, 1892.
Martha A. Schreiner		
Mrs. D. C. Bevan Nancy J. Smith	Tannawr 16 1848	February 7 1804
ann Harris	1808	April 7, 1894.
Catherine Friend	December 26, 1821	August 8, 1894.
Vancy Jana Light	Sertember 12 1833	Angust 4 1895

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAY ELECTORAL CONFERENCE.

The Lay Electoral Conference of the Iowa Annual Conference, M. E. Church, met in session at 10:30 A. M., in the Main Street M. E. Church, Ottumwa, Iowa, September 13, 1895.

Upon motion, John Mahin, of Muscatine, was chosen temporary Chairman. After taking the chair and making a few remarks, he read selections of Scripture from the 18th chapter of Exodus, and 6th chapter of Acts. Then prayer was led by Rev. G. W. Wilson, of Moulton.

Upon motion, J. B. McCurdy, of Oskaloosa, was chosen temporary Secretary, and for Assistant Secretary, J. M. Morrow, of Douds.

Upon motion, the following Committees were appointed, viz:

Committee on Credentials.—R. A. Kent, Oskaloosa District; W. S. Allen Keokuk District; A. V. Riggs, Burlington District; F. C. Meade, Muscatine District; J. B. Mowrey, Ottumwa District.

Committee on Permanent Organization.—O. McBride, Oskaloosa District; J. Q. Hargrove, Keokuk District; J.W. Blackford, Burlington District; W. N. Moon, Oskaloosa District; J. S. Shaw, Muscatine District.

Committee on Resolutions.—R. G. Coutts, Oskaloosa District; Rev. G. W. Wilson, Keokuk District; S. A. Bullock, Burlington District; Rev. T. Horton, Ottumwa District; Frank Bacon, Muscatine District.

Marcus Simpson, of Burlington District, presented the following resolutions, which were referred to a special committee:

WHEREAS, Lay Associations are being organized in the various Conferences for the purposes set forth in the Constitutions thereof, be it

Resolved, By the Iowa Lay Conference:

- (I) That we deem it expedient and desirable to organize a similar Association in the Iowa Conference.
- (2) That a committee of three be appointed by the Chair to draft a Constitution and report the same to the afternoon session of this Conference, and that after the adoption of the Constitution the organization shall be perfected by the election of officers, and by such action as may be necessary.

The Chair appointed as such Committee the following:

Marcus Simpson, Burlington District; Mrs. Anna B. Hill, Ottumwa District; J. D. Butler, Muscatine District.

Motion adopted that when we meet in the afternoon session, the first business to be transacted shall be the receiving of the report of the Committee on Credentials.

Motion adopted that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at 1:30 P. M.

Afternoon session assembled as per adjournment, and was called to order by the Chairman. As the Committee on Credentials was not ready to report, Rev. W. F. Cowles was received and introduced as the delegate from the Ministerial Conference with greetings to this body assembled.

The address was very extensive and very interesting.

Committee on Credentials reported 105 delegates present. (See list.)

The question of Wm. Wilson, of Washington, being admitted upon the certificate of his Presiding Elder and Preacher in charge, in the absence of the delegate and alternate, was, upon motion, decided in favor of admission to a seat in the Conference.

Upon motion, the report of Committee on Credentials was accepted.

Committee on Permanent Organization reported the temporary officers for permanent organization.

Upon motion, the same accepted.

Upon motion, proceeded to the election of Delegates to the General Conference, resulting as follows, viz.:

Chris. Haw, of Ottumwa; Hon. James Harlan, of Mt. Pleasant; C. P. Axtell, of Newton, Alternate; D. H. Payne, of Bloomfield, Alternate.

Committee on Resolutions made their report. (See Resolutions No. 2.)

Motion adopted that these resolutions be taken up one at a time.

Upon motion, the Liquor Resolution was taken up, which was quite freely discussed by Brothers Horton, Bacon, Mahin, and others. The same was adopted, including Resolution No. 5, which the Committee had stricken out.

Resolution adopted, that it is the sense of this Lay Electoral Conference that women have equal claims with the men as Lay Representatives in the General Conference, and we recommend their speedy admission; that no change in any rule is necessary.

Motion adopted, that the Lay Delegation have equal representation with the Ministerial Delegation in the General Conference.

Mr. Simpson, from the Special Committee on the Organization of a Conference Lay Association, reported the following, which was unanimously adopted:

Your Committee beg leave to recommend the adoption of the accompanying Constitution, and the election of temporary officers of the Association by the present Lay Conference, to serve until the first annual meeting on the fourth Thursday of April, 1896. We also urge the organization of local Lay Associations in every charge to co-operate with the Conference Lay Association.

The selection of temporary officers of the Lay Association, to serve until the fourth Thursday of April, 1896, was referred to a special committee, who made the following appointments:

President-Marcus Simpson, Burlington.

First Vice-President-Judge W. I. Babb, Mt. Pleasant.

Second Vice-President—Hon. John Mahin, Muscatine.

Third Vice-President-J. T. Hackworth, Ottumwa.

Corresponding Secretary-C. M. Waite, Burlington.

Recording Secretary—J. C. Calhoun, Keosauqua.

Treasurer-Hon. W. W. Junkin, Fairfield.

Upon motion, the Chairman appointed three—of which the Chairman, John Mahin, be Chairman—to convey greetings from this Lay Conference to the Ministerial Conference. J. C. Calhoun and W. H. Weedham were appointed.

Communication from the Ministerial Conference, "Memorial on Marriage," upon motion, was laid upon the table.

Motion adopted, that the Secretary present resolutions of thanks to the city press, the churches, and the citizens of Ottumwa, for their kindness and hospitality during our stay in their city.

Upon motion, adjourned.

JOHN MAHIN, President.

J. B. McCurdy, Secretary.

LAY DELEGATES.

Delegate. John Mahin	Name of Charge.
John Mahin	Muscatine.
S. Slutz	Kırkvılle.
Al. Power	Pulaski.
H. C. Hart	New Sharon.
Simon Phillips	Beacon.
L. Fowler Ed. McCom	Lynnville.
Ed. McCom	Rose Hille.
J. M. Porter	Ewart.
Geo. House T. J. Edmond	Ottumwa.
T. J. Edmond	Pella.
Theo. West	Lovilia.
J. B. McCurdy	Uskaloosa,
J. O. Keep N. A. Wells	Derta.
N. A. Wells	Newton.
D. I. Lawren	What Chase
A. F. Callison D. L. Lawson Wm. Wilson	Washington
T. B. Hanna	washington.
F. A. Turner	Malroco
I W Stork	Vaalrulr
Mre M C Furggeon	Pleasant Plain
Mrs. M. C. Furgason Wm. Tansey J. W. Neff W. S. Furgason	Rivercide
I W Neff	Rlakeshura
W S Furgason	Myetic
John Van Dyke J. A. Ireland J. L. Dysart J. W. Zaring	Burlington
I. A. Ireland	Packwood
I. L. Dysart	Drakeville
I. W. Zaring	Fremont
A. D. Coleman	Cedar
W. W. Elliott	Cincinnati
W. W. Elliott W. M. Dukes	Unionville
T. S. Colony	Tiffin
I. F. R. Leonard	Ainsworth
I. W. Evestone	Mt. Pleasant
I. A. Keck	Bentonsport.
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A. Lingenfetter R. A. Patterson	Ft. Madison.
R. A. Patterson	Eddvville.
Jacob Myers	Agency.
Arthur Bailes	Trov.
J. R. Stodgell	Chillicothe.
W. D. Rodgers	Attica.
W. S. Campbell	Batavia.
W. S. Allen	Birmingham.
J.Q. Hargrove	Milton.
44. W. Iduules	
I. B. Mowry	Ottumwa.
J. S. Shaw. W. B. Laforce	Marengo.
W. B. Laforce	Ottumwa.
W. N. Moon	

D. I.	
Delegate.	Name of Charge.
W. Kirkpatrick	Kalona.
S. A. Howard	Salina
Rev. Jno. Chasey J. W. Blackford	Richland
I W Dlast-ford	Trill-base
J. W. Blackford	Hillsboro.
F. A. Reich	Moravia.
J. R. Fitch Miss Anna B. Hill	Keota.
Miss Anna B. Hill	Hedrick
T R Randolph	Calam
C W Wilson	Manile
G. W. Wilson	Moulton.
J. M. Morrow	Selma.
G. W. Wilson J. M. Morrow Geo. B. Myers	Eldon.
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I W Larkin	Sparry
J. W. 1/d1 K111	Discourt Disi
L. Stidyer	Pleasant Plain.
R. A. Kent	Oskaloosa.
C. S. Seymore	Thornburgh.
I. C. Calhoun	Keosaugua
J. W. Larkin	Vnorville
Geo. Sweney	D1
Geo. Swelley	Burlington.
J. H. Woodside	Kossutlı.
A. E. Mulhern	Crawfordville.
G. M. Garner	Taintor
W C Punyon	Lorington
W. C. Kunyon	Lexington.
T. Wharton	Martinsburgh.
R. J. Coutts	Grinnell.
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D H Barr	Wayland
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"In our judgment the saloon is an unmixed evil, full of diabolism, a disgrace to our civilization, the chief corrupter of political action and a continual menace to the order of society and the peace and purity of our homes. We declare before all the world that the Church of God ought to be known always and everywhere as the relentless and uncompromising foe to this ungodly business, and that it is the duty of every Christian to wage ceaseless warfare against it."

Resolved, Therefore, that it is proper at this time, for this Lay Conference to re-endorse and give emphasis to this declaration, for the reason that a step has already been taken toward legalizing the liquor traffic in this State.

Resolved, That we are unalterably opposed to what is called the "bar" feature of the Martin Mulct Law, because it is in effect when in operation a license for the liquor traffic.

Resolved, That we look with abhorrence upon the proposition to legalize the manufacture of liquors in this State, under the specious and deceptive plea that it is logical and right to permit to be made that which is permitted to be sold, believing as we do that the effect of such manufacturing law would be to so strongly entrench the liquor traffic in that it will practically sweep away all that remains of the prohibitory law and put our fair State wholly in the thralldom of the liquor power.

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CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.—NAME.

This organization shall be known as the LAY ASSOCIATION OF THE IOWA ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

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